# US deadline set for decision on **Olympics**

The United States will decide by the middle of next month whether to participate in the Moscow Olympics, Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State, said. He disclosed that he and President Carter supported a boycott. British athletic groups remained adamant they would attend.

# Boycott supported by **President Carter**

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An American boycott of this summer's Olympic Games in Moscow has become more likely with the disclosure that both President Carter and Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State, are at present in favour of such

In an interview with The New York Times, published in Washington. Mr Vance has set an informal deadline of mid-February for a final cipation on United States participation in the games. He and the President are personally tarm opposed to the country taking part in the Olympics while Russian troops remain in Afghanistan, he said.

Asked whether the Adminisration could compel Ameri-kylicans to withdraw, Mr Vance kylicans to withdraw, Mr Vance said be believed that if the Government expressed its view view" He said his attitude was affected by American participation in the 1936 Olympic Games staged by Hitler in Berlin.

"I think in hindsight that it was a mistake for us to attend he 1936 Olympics." Mr Robert Kane, president of

he American Olympic Comnittee, said the idea of a boy-cott of the Olympic Games in vioscow was "gauche and in-appropriate".

He qualified his statement, nade on television in New York, by saying that a transfer of the games would be a nore acceptable protest over Afghanistan, but that they should not be staged until 1981.

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Despite the apparently hesiant response from the United tates's European allies at esterday's meeting of the lorth Atlantic Council, the ources insisted that Washingon was encouraged by progress coordinating the Western re-

ponse to events in Afghanis-The charus of opposition to ne Soviet occupation was joined y Conservatives in the Euro-ean Parliament at Strasbourg. t resolution, put forward by lonservatives and Christian-

rom Dessa Travisan

elgrade, Jan 16
Swift Western assurances to phold Yugoslavia's independence and support its stability ere welcomed here as Presient Tho's condition remained

An official announcement

day said that he was feeling
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ndergo more surgery on his

According to unofficial ources, the President is also iffering from diabetes, and

Electricity and

weight inflation rate

as to outstrip

as and electricity consumers can pect huge price rises over the next ree years. Mr David Howell, Secretary State for Energy, told the House of

emmons that domestic gas prices rold have to rise by 10 per cent and ectricity prices by 5 per cent more as the inflation rate. On inflation

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hell raised its prices by 4p a gallon

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ss School, this means that domestic and electricity users will face creases of more than 80 per cent d 60 per cent respectively by 1983.

Yugoslavia welcomes pledge

by West on independence



Democrats, was passed con-demning the intervention in Afghanistan and urging the Olympic Games authorities to nsider switching the venue

from Moscow.

The resolution said the Assembly was "borrified" by the "Soviet invasion and its threat to world pasce" and called for immediate and unconditional withdrawal

But in the Commons Sir Ian Gilmour, Lord Privy Seal, said that the British Government had not decided whether to support calls for an Olympic boycott. He reminded MPs that both the International Olympic Committee and the British Olympic Association were independent bodies.

One potential source of em-barrassment in the event of British backing for a boycott would be the position of the Duke of Edinburgh, who would "We want to be part of the in normal circumstances be exlecision making. But once your perced to attend as president of the International Equestrian prions", he said.

Federation. Mr Fritz Widmer, secretary-general of the feder

ctive search is going on for liternative sites that could be lade ready in the short time has realfirmed that it has every vailable.

Mr Derek Johnson, secretary of the International Athletes of the International Athletes' Club, representing the competitors themselves, said that all the athletes he knew were determined to take part in the Moscow Games, and that they regarded demands for a boycott as a "phoney cover-up" to disguise the lack of a cohesive foreign policy among Western governments.

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The President has been in

pain for some time, according

to reliable sources. He is said have received medical advice

operation even more compli-

### Steel strike to spread into private plants

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor

The state steel strike is to be extended to private sector steel-makers, and union leaders are

makers, and union leaders are seeking an immediate embargo on all steel movements in Britain.

These developments, which would effectively throttle much of manufacturing industry, were set in train yesterday by the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation (ISTC) and the National Union of Blastfurnacemen. Ore Union of Blastfurnacemen, Ore Miners, Coke Workers and Kin-dred Trades (NUB). Union

dred Trades (NUB). Union leaders are now talking openly of a political dispute with the Government, and there was a warning of a "holocaust" from Mr William Sins, general secretary of the dominant ISTC.

Transport and rail unions will be asked today to halt all steel shipments within the country, whatever their origin, and an international union conference in London next week will attempt to close any loopholes allowing imported steel into the United Kingdom.

The steelworkers and blast-

United Kingdom.

The steelworkers and blastfurnacemen will call out their
15,000 members in the private
sector on January 27 if the pay
dispute with the state-owned
British Steel Corporation has
not been settled by that date.
Recommendations on these lines are going to separate meetings of the ISTC and the NUB execu-

of the ISTC and the NUB executives next Wednesday, but as the proposals come from a joint meeting of these two bodies, the result is foregone.

The heavy steel union leaders will also look to craft and general unions in the private sector to join them, as they have done in the British Steel strike, now in its third week. The embargo on private sector steel movement starts as soon as the transport unions can persuaded to implement it.

Mr Selwyn Williams, for the British Independent Steel Producers' Association, said last night: "We are disappointed that our appeal to the ISTC executive appears to have fallen on stoney ground. We hope that there is still time for them to reconsider their decision." The projected January 27, strike, he said, would affect not only members of the ISTC but all 65,000 workers employed by private sector steel makers who account for about 25 per cent of United Kingdom steel production.

Private companies are not in dispute with the steel unions. Heads of the main private sector steel makers will meet before the weekend to discuss the latest development and

their response.

Mr Six's said lest night: "Our members now are firmly con-vinced that we are being drawn Continued on page 2, col 5



Steel pickets queue for hot soup distributed at Bilston by wives of union officials.

# BSC aims at 30 pc increase in productivity levels by its men

By Peter Hill Industrial Editor

The British Steel Corporation is aiming to achieve a 30 per cent improvement in productivity by the 100,000 workers in the slimmed down industry on which it is basing its strategy for survival.

Sir Charles Villiers, the BSC chairman, aid yesterday at a press conference that the cut-back in steelmaking capacity to 15 million tonnes a year and the 52,000 reduction in the iron and steel labour force would be the base from which the corporation sought to boost productivity from last year's 141 tonnes a man to 183 tonnes.

That level of output per man would be roughly in line with the levels being achieved in France but considerably behind those of the West German steel

But studies made during a visit to Japan over four years ago by a joint BSC managementand by a joint not management union team, whose report has remained confidential, demon-strate the enormous lead which Japan has established. Productivity per man in the works visited by the team ranged between 364 tonnes and 467 tonnes. "I am not even mentioning the Japanese steel industry

because they are in a class by themselves. Sir Charles said. The Japanese steel industry was the focus of a joint man-agement trade union study mission from the BSC in 1975 (when the industry was experiencing a recession and

Committee, has never been published. Other members of the study team included Mr Robert Scholey, chief executive of of the BSC, Mr Gordon Sambrook, managing director, commercial, Mr William Sirs, general secre-tary of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, and Mr Eddie Linton, of the National Craftsmen's Co-ordinating Com-

The BSC intended to circulate the final version of the report, which it was hoped would provide the basis for a corporation conference on the forward plans of the BSC, particularly the interface between operatives and craftsmen. But union agreement was not forthcoming and the report has been suppressed.

Mr Scholey has emphasized that while it was never the in-tention that the BSC would seek to emulate the Japanese plant performance levels, the report was designed to give clear indi-cations of the direction in which the corporation should move.

But the report does demon-strate the high levels of out-put achieved in the Japanese industry at a time of recession and provide a clear pointer to the gap which faces the United Kingdom industry, which is now faced with the problems of recession and a collapse of demand.

In the space of seven days the team visited five plants. Productivity comparisons be-tween plants are a source of constant argument and are shaped by the type and numbers of workers included in

a total labour force of 14,168, equivalent to 364 tonnes per man; at another plant employing 16,000 workers output per man was 461 tonnes, at the Oira works output per man was 467 tonnes.

At the Fukuyama plant, whose total capacity at the time was one million tonnes greater than that planned by BSC in its slimmed down form pro-ductivity among the 30,702 ductivity workers amounted to tonnes a man.

The report states: "We returned convinced that Japanese steel industry serves its reputation. It is im-mensely strong planning to get stronger still and presents both a threat and a challenge which we in Britain would be ill advised to try to ignore unless, that is, we are willing to see the British steel industry fall farther and farther behind in the world. Not simply farther behind Japan, but farther behind our main European competitors, who themselves are petitors, who themselves are well behind Japan".

Mr Delay also stressed that it was important for the team to state that there were industrial practices in Japan which neither the corporation nor the unions would wish to introduce

The joint report noted that a number of factors had ensured the success of the Japanese inthe success of the Japanese in-dustry, including heavy invest-ment in very large integrated works, very tight manning arrangements, good relations between management and unions and manpower policies which, with the active partici-pation of the unions, have as their main objectives the mini-mising of costs and the com." the repercussions of the steep numbers of workers included in the calculations.

The report written by Mr Denis Delay, secretary to the TUC at the "very low 1975 level"

Steel Industry Consultative totalled 5.16 million ronnes by stant improving of efficiency.

# 54% would welcome centre party but it would fail in election

Political Editor

By a slight majority, 54 per cent of mainland British voters would like to see some sort of centre party formed, but would not vote for one strongly enough at an election for it to win outright, according to an opinion poll commissioned by The

The likeliest voting outcome would be three parties of simi-lar size, with Labour and Connational centre party.

The poll's further paradox is that a larger majority, 59 per cent, think it would be a bad thing if the Labour Party split

The poll was commissioned from Opinion Research Centre after the November 20 television lecture by Mr Roy Jenkins, who suggested that voters might be attracted by a "new grouping" of what he called the "radical centre".

There has been widespread speculation that Mr Jenkins might lead such a venture when his term as EEC president expires next year.

At the personal level, Mr Jenkins came fourth behind Mr David Steel, Mr Edward Heath and Mrs Shirley Williams (in that order) in the sample's preference for a centre government's Prime Minister.

The poll's findings were remarkably similar, except for the intervening rise in Liberal support, to a survey of a larger sample taken by The Times in September, 1972. Now, as then, as the content of the taken by the taken taken the taken 53 per cent agreed that the present political system no longer works properly. Perhaps surprisingly, and most dismay-ing for Mrs Margaret Thatcher

proportion (41 per cent) of Conservative voters in the sample who still agreed that the system was not working in spite of the fact that their party won the last election on a pro-gramme of bold reversal of Britain's fortunes.

Predictably unsettling for would be centrists are the varied and conflicting preferences for the make-up of a centre party. Favourite (22 per cent) is a centre party made up of the Liberals and the Conser-vative left and the Labour right; next favoured (14 per cent) is a combination of Liberals and Labour moderates; with 9 per cent each given to a straight Lib-Con combination, and a breakaway

moderate party. The percentage not wanting a centre party at all fell to 32 per cent from 40 per cent in 1972. But overall half the Labour voters and half the Conservatives favour a new centrist alliance.

When it came to voting, a simple Labour breaksway centre simple Labour breakeway centre party fared least well, gaining only 16 per cent. However, it was on this hypothesis, of breakeway Labour candidates standing as well and Liberals, that the combined Liberal and centre vote reached its highest—29 per cent.

Voting for a combined Lib-Lab centre party was only 23 per cent, the difference being caused mostly by Liberal defections back to the Conservatives and Labour.

The survey was carried out between Japuary 4 and 6 with a representative national quata sample of 1.039 electors in 100 constituencies, excluding Ulster.

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# Balanced view of left urged by Mr Heffer

It is essential to keep a balenced view and not let hysteria take over in considering the activities of the Trotskyist "Militant Tendency" whose activities have been described in recent articles in The Times by Mr Michael Hatfield, Political Reporter. tical Reporter.

That was the appeal made last night by Mr Eric Heffer, Labour MP for Liverpool, Walton, member of the party's national executive and chairman of the organization committee, which decided on Jan-uary 7 not to publish the

tremist tendencies, should stop, he said. It was vital that the party should rid itself of the atmosphere of wirch-hunts and of splits, which could only bene-fit the real extremism of the present Government.
The statement said in part:

"Britain today has the worst Government since the so-called National Governments of the 1930s. Yet despite this there are clearly some in the Labour movement who appear determined to play the game of those sections of the media whose aim deflect it from a determined and united struggle against this Government's disastrous poli-

cies.

"The argument about the publication of the Underhill Report is such a deflection. The impression is being created by some influential media personnel that the NEC of the Labour Party is hiding the truth from the public and Labour Party members. It is important that the truth be told about that report and the NEC's that report and the NEC's response to it. "What was the Underhill

uary 7 not to publish the reports on the infiltration of local constituency parties by extremist groups.

Exaggerated claims that the Labour Party was about to be taken over, or was already taken over by the so-called extremist tendencies, should stop, or was a group of "Trotskyists" over a group of "Trot operating within the Labour Party around the newspaper Militant.
"The NEC of the party did not

ignore that report. It did not dismiss it, refuse to discuss it or bury it. It set up a committee to look into the allegations. The committee included John Chal-mers, the then Party Chairman, Michael Foot, then Deputy Prime Minister, Tom Bradley, MP, and myself, Ron Hayward, the General Secretary, and the

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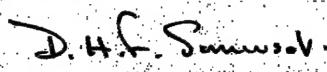
### Bank of England reorganizes at the top to match its changing financial role

By David Blake
Mr Christopher "Kit"
McMahon has become Deputy
Governor of the Bank of England as part of the most farreaching reorganization of the Bank's workings in recent years. Major structural changes have been introduced to help the Bank carry out its role of super-

At the same time, banknotes will bear a new signature, that of Mr D. H. F. Somerset who takes over the title of Chief

the structure and supervision of financial and other markets, including banking and institutions such as building societies. This work will be under the direction of Mr John Page, who moved from being Chief Cashier to become an executive director of the Bank with a seat on the

to have received medical advice that amputation would be the only reliable solution as the blood was still flowing at a reduced rate through the artificial duct inserted into the thigh of his left leg. EEC trade concessions



D. H. F. Somerset, the new Chief Cashier's signature, will

appear on banknotes. vising financial and other markets, and a new emphasis has been given to the policy advice which the Bank provides to the

cashier, although many of the jobs traditionally performed by the holder of that title are being transferred elsewhere within the Bank,

The new structure divides the Bank's workings into three main areas. The first involves the transferred and supervision

board. Second, the policy and mar-essions, page 7

issues as the running of more-tary policy. The third section will deal with many of the administrative functions at present spread throughout the individual department of the

Bank. The most striking promotion in the changes is that of Mr McMahon. He takes over as Deputy Governor from Sir Jasper Hollom, who did not seek reappointment by the Prime Minister.

Mr McMahon, who is 52, has had a glittering career in the Bank since he joined it from Magdalen College, Oxford, in 1964. Born and educated in Australia, he has been executive. director in charge of inter-national affairs in recent years and before that was in charge of the Bank's economic side. It is likely that he will concentrate more on policy ques-tions than his predecessor, who

One of the consequences of Mr McMahon's promotion is to open up one of the Bank's most important positions for an out-sider, 43-year-old Mr Anthony Loehnis who comes from Schroders, the merchant bankers, after a career in the Foreign Office and education at Eton, Oxford and Harvard.

Because the bank is allowed only four executive directors with seats on the Court, a new title of associate director has been created for Mr Loehnis. Two main factors appear to be behind the Bank's restructuring. One is a desire to prepare itself for any expansion of the

supervisory role it is called upon to perform and which could result from the report of the Wilson Committee or changes in the financial markets. The other factor is a desire to shape the policy-making functions of the Bank more was heavily involved in adminisclosely to modern needs.

Letters: On deaths in police custody, from Mr J. T. Jardine; on coal and steel from Sir Hugh Weeks, and Mr David Crouch. Leading articles: Poll on a centre party; Olympic Games

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Ronald Butt on the strange case of
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Levin says we should walk out of the
Olympic Games

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land drawn against. Italy in European Nations Cup. Books, page 12. Sir Robert Mark reviews Caroline Moorehead's book about kidnapping; Michael Ratcliffe on a dissident's autobiography. Arts, page 13. Ned Chaillet introduces a young Japanese actor who is extending and enhancing the ancient tradition of Kabuki. Oblinary, page 16. Major-General Valentine Blomfield, Mr. David Whitfield.

# get first trimming By George Clark

Political Correspondent Mrs Thatcher reported to the

'Ouangos'

Mrs Thatcher reported to the Commons yesterday that the Government has decided to abolish 30 non-departmental executive bodies and 211 advisory organizations, with a consequent reduction of about 3,700 public appointments and savings of about \$11.6m.

It was the second Government statement on its declared policy of reviewing the need for a profusion of "quangos" (quasi-autonomous non-governmental organizations), and on decisions that have been

taken so far on the report pub-lished yesterday by Sir Leo Pliatzky, a former permanent secretary at the Department of Trade, who was asked to carry out a review of the organizations last summer. The Prime Minister, in

written parliamentary reply to Mr Philip Holland, Conserva-tive MP for Carlton, who has pressed for a reduction in the number of quangos, said that a further stocktaking of the executive-type fringe bodies would be carried out later this

year.

Further cuts are "in the pipeline", according to ministers. These will be announced in the autumn, bringing the total of public appointments down by a further 3,300.

Mrs Thatcher said: "The administrative economies from

these measures, when fully im-plemented, will be roughly £11m in a full year. These will be additional to the financial savings of about £350m in 1980-81 from reductions made in the previously planned programmes of the largest executive-type bodies as a result of the general public expenditure exercise." An income of about £100m

will be obtained from the planned sales of assets of the bodies affected. "A general conclusion indicated is that a more cautious

and selective approach should be adopted in the future towards the creation of nondepartmental bodies, and in particular towards the 'hiving off' of departmental functions to such bodies," she said. "The Government endorses this

Conservative MPs thought that, considering the numbers involved—489 execu-tive bodies, with 217,000 staff and spending £5,800m in 1979, 1,561 advisory bodies, with a spending of 513m, and 67 triburnal systems, with administra-tive costs of £30m a year—the Government's action so far could only be described as

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### Hippocrates, fifth century BC.

In a MORI study published this week, 34% of people claimed that they—or a member of their family—had suffered from a mental breakdown or form of mental handicap. 30% knew of someone at their workplace who had suffered a mental breakdown. These figures underline MIND's claim that mental illness is one of the most pressing social problems in the country.

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# fold reaches \$755

and continued to soar on the world's Bian markets. It leapt by \$77.50 at a morning fix in London, the largest telle rise recorded, but the buying telle rise recorded, but the buying ter subsided and it closed \$67.50 ther at \$755 an ounce. In New York closed at \$745

### **NUPE** backs water men's pay claim

Fears of a water strike grew when leaders of the National Union of Public Employees, the second largest in the industry, supported a call for industries action for a 46 per cent pay claim.
Water workers say they get £10-a week
less than gas and power men Page 2

### **Ambassador for Chile**

Britain and Chile are to resume full diplometic relations. The British ambassador was withdrawn from Santiago early in 1976 in protest against the ill-treatment of Dr Sheila Cassidy. She was held prisoner for two months and suffered torture before being expelled, an episode which Britain still does not consider closed Page 9

### Jurors complain

Four of the jurors at the recent anarchists' trial have written to the Lord Chancellor complaining about the judge's "insulting" remarks about them. They asked for an undertaking that the fact that they had returned a verdict of not guilty would not be recorded against their names in police files

### **Paul McCartney** arrested in Tokyo

Paul McCartney, the former Beatle, was arrested when he arrived at Tokyo airport by Narcotics Control officials who said they found about 220 grams (80z) of marijuana in his suitcase. Japanese promoters are considering whether to cancel the 11 performances arranged for him Jater this month throughout Japan.

Support grants: Details of a block grant system for local authorities to avoid those who spend most receiving the highest grant were given in the Cell deaths: Mr James Jardine, chair-

man of the Police Federation, rejected demands for a public inquiry into deaths in police custody Moving house: The Brirish School of Conveyancing offers "do-it-yourself" evening tutorials and correspondence

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# nearer as NUPE backs By a Staff Reporter The Government should introThe Government should wage claim By Paul Routledge

abour Editor
The threat of a water strike grew yesterday when the second largest union in the industry endorsed a call for industrial action in pursuit of a pay claim

of 46 per cent.
Leaders of the National Union of Public Employees voted to back a recommendafrom from their water workers tions should be employed over a demand for comparability with wages in the gas and electricity supply industries.
Mr Ronald Keating, assistant general secretary of NUPE, said industrial action was inevitable if the employers did not honour a comparability study recently carried out com-

parity is not conceded, and they
will almost certainly be joined
by members of the Transport
and General Workers' Union

who meet today.

-The water workers have rejected just over 13 per cent, but local government manual workers will today sign an agreement for almost exactly the same rises.

the same rises.

The executive committee of NUPE decided to accept the offer after an overwhelming majority of their 450,000 town hall manual staff voted in favour in a ballot. The agreement covers 1,100,000 men and women.

### Man arrested in scuffles at factory

From Our Correspondent

Demonstrators clashed with police and a man was arrested as 150 pickets tried to block non-union workers entering a factory at Slough, Berkshire,

yesterday.

The demonstration, called by the General and Municipal Workers' Union, began peacefully outside the Chix sweet and bubble gum factory in Farnham Road.

Some pickets laughed and

Some pickets laughed and joked with the 40 police called to cover the demonstration. But when a mini bus tried to take non-union workers into the factory through a rear gate, stuffles broke out. Pickets yell-ing "scabs" and "traitors" tried to hold the gates closed and block the van. No one was burt an dute mini bus got through. The demon-stration was the latest step in a dispute which has lasted 13.

It was called in support of 96 Asian women workers, mem-bers of the GMWU, who have been on strike since October 10 demanding recognition of their union.
"The dispute is fast becom-

ing another Grunwick said one union official. All wa want is for the company to recognize our union, but they refuse to talk to us." The company refused to com-

### Correction

An article on the state of the professions on January 3, gave the average salary for hospital doctors in Britain as £15,000. That figure is the top of the consul-tants' scale.

# Water strike | Call for innovation in higher education

The Government should intro-duce a measure of manpower planning to the higher educa-tion system to protect it against stagnation, Mr Alan Thompson, Deputy Secretary at the Department of Education and Science, told a Commons select committee yesterday. There had been no departure from the principle in the 1963 Robbins report that higher education should be available for all who were able, qualified and wished

for it.

But that did not mean students could follow whatever course they liked at whatever institution they wanted.

The higher education system and head the statement of the had been expanding for many years and all its management and control mechanisms were based on that assumption, Mr

Thompson said. That was about to change for the first time in 30 years to a system that might be more or less static and contained. study recently carried out comparing rates of pay in the three utilities. Water workers say they are £10 a week worse off than gas and power workers.

NUPE water employees have joined those in the General and Municipal Workers' Union in threatening strike action if parity is not conceded, and they always been likely.

The Government's expendi-

The Government's expendi-ture policy, which might mean no increase in funds for higher education over the next two or

three years, had made it a reality sooner.

"If this is the case, the question is how to ensure that stability does not become stag-

# Mr Thompson was speaking to the first meeting of the new Select Committee on Education, Science and the Arts which, under the chairmanship of Mr Christopher Price, Labour MP for Lewisham, West, is examin-ing the way higher education courses are organized and financed.

He suggested the answer was an element of manpower plan-ning, which the universities and polytechnics would probably welcome in the form of a coherent policy on numbers, subjects taken and types of

One way might be to translate the specific needs of employers into broad subject areas to act as a guiding prin-A second would be to rationalize courses. That was important to enable innovation to

On the recent decision to charge the full cost of courses to overseas students. Mr Thompson said the effect would not be as catastrophic as had

not be as catastrophic as had been made out.

The effect would be gradual as the charge applied only to new entrants, and therefore could be monitored.

If the shorter length of British courses were taken into account, as well as the relative costs of living in different countries, the charges were not uncompetitive, he said.

### Poorest 'hit by cuts glue in spending'

By Pat Healy
Social Services Correspondent
Millions of families face a
fail in living standards because
the Government has abandoned
social priorities, a Child
Poverty Action Group pamphlet says today. The proportion of national resources being tion of national resources being devoted to the poorest has been cut, and may be reduced further in the next round of spending curs.

spending curs.

The pamphlet points out that Britain spends less of its gross national product on social programmes than most other European countries and argues that "there is no economic imperative that requires the imperative that requires the Government to engage in the cuts". On the contrary, orthodox economic analyses, supported by empirical evidence, suggest a need for an increase in public spending.

Present public spending cuts are inefficient because they are being made across the board.

being made across the board, the pamphlet says. They do not make economic sense, place the main burden on the poor, and main burden on the poor, and affect families most. It contrasts the £1 to £2 a week gained through tax, cuts for families, living just above the official poverty line on wages of £60 to £80 a week, with the extra costs they face through school meals and transport

school meals and transport charges, higher value added tax, rents and prescription charges. "The social wage is as crucial. for the living standards of millions of families, as wages or salaries, and for many of the poorest it is vital", the pemphlet says.

Social spending should be

seen as essential maintenance the human factor in of the human ractor in production, as investment in sickness prevention and cure, and as investment in families and in the future generation. Abandoning Social Priorities by Alan Walker, Paul Ormerod and Larry Whitty (CPAG, 1 Mackin Street, London WC2) £1.05.

# Risks of sniffing

One of the attractions of glue suffing for children may be that it combines childhood games and codes of behaviour with the use of substances ekin in effect to the alcohol drunk adults, a conference was told in London yesterday.

Miss Annas Dixon, a member of the Government's Advisory or the Government's Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs and a social worker at a London drug addiction chinic, said that for many children in their early teens the practice was a cheap elternative to drink. In most cases it was no more than a passing fashion. Speaking at the first national

conference on glue sniffing organized by Release (a charity which specializes in drug problems) Miss Dixon said the term was a misnomer. The attraction was in the vapours given off and the substances involved included not only some types of give but also chemicals found in some household products. Glue sniffing brought risks like many other fads and phases children went through but Miss Dixon said it would be interesting in compare the injuries from glue sniffing against crazes like skate-boarding.

Dr Joyce Watson, research fellow at Glasgow University said that prolonged use often indicated genuine difficulties within the child's life. She spoke of her experiences in running a special clinic with the aid of Strathclyde police in Glasgow where screening had disclosed such situations.

The conference, attended by more than 200 social workers, teachers and police officers, was called by Release to try to coordinate a response to: glue suiffing which is usually foliad in children between 12 and 16.

Some social workers believe that the real danger is not the wave of sniffing which can sweep through a school for a short time drawing publicity, but the individual child who continues the practice after-

### unaware of patient groups By John Roper Health Services Corresponden

Many GPs

Like any new idea in medi-cine, patient participation groups in family doctor's prac-tices are baving a hard time establishing themselves, a con-ference on the subject organized by the Royal College of Gen-eral Practitioners was told yes-rerday terday. A survey conducted seven

years after the first groups were established found that 10 out of 15 general practitioners who were training younger who were training younger doctors were unaware of the existence of such groups. The other five doctors had a vague idea of their purpose.

There was fear of the idea, with comment that only atypical patients, like "That's Life freaks", moaners, hypochrondriacs, committee types and bored housewives would be likely to join.

likely to join. There are about 25 patient There are about 25 patient participation groups, estab-lished by family doctors with the aim of giving patients more say in the way that primary health services are provided, of helping to encourage self-care and prevention of disease, and of improving the contact be

and prevention of disease, and of improving the contact between the doctor and families. The survey, by Mrs. Jo Wood, research fellow in the department of general practice, Manchester University, concludes that patient participation is an emotive issue that holds great promise and great risks in the eyes of family doctors. The coneyes of family doctors. The con-cept should neither be rejected out of hand nor precipitously welcomed.

welcomed.

The initial response of doctors was likely to be negative, seeing a close connexion between the establishment of groups and "interference", and an increase in patients' complaints. However, all but two of the doctors interviewed. two of the doctors interviewed saw the possibility of potential benefit in such groups.
Groups could increase patients understanding of the doctor's workload and his diffi-

The survey found that medi-cal critics of such groups were wrong in thinking that the initiative had come from patients. All groups had been begun by family doctors through a growing awareness of deficiencies in community ser-vices; and a desire to dissipate the Fort Knox image in some practices created by "dragon receptionists".

### Briefcase theft led to secret investigation From Our Correspondent

An obsessed teenager stole a £5 briefcase to draw attention to his grievance egainst the police but instead found himself at the centre of a secret investigation involving govern-ment officials, magistrates in Stowmarket, Suffolk, heard yes-

sitive papers belonging to Mr William Wright Assistant William Wright Assistant General Secretary of the Institution of Professional Civil

Institution of Professional Civil Servants.

The thief, John Moroney, aged 19, of Church Hill Wyverstone, near Stowmarket, was locked in a police cell and "questioned rigorously"

Mr. Tim McNeill, defending, and Mr. Moroney was walking said Mr. Moroney was walking past Mr Wright's country home at Bacton. Suffolk, when he spotted the briefcase in a carspotted the briefcase in a car and decided to take it He admitted stealing the briefcase Jast December and was fined £70 and ordered to pay Mr Wright £5 compensation. He was also ordered to pay £20 costs

# STEEL STRIKE

# Three steelworkers arrested as tempers flare on picketlines

From Penny Symon Birmingham

Tempers flared for the first time on the picketlines in the West Midlands yesterday and

West Midlands yesterday and three Yorkshire steel workers were arrested.

The men had arrived in the region, which contains the largest repicentration of steel stockholders in the country, on Monday to reinforce picketlines outside those firms.

Yesterday's anger crupted outside Bore Steel of Walsall, which had been selected as one of the targets because members of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation in the region were unhappy about steel from the British Steel Corporation going out from the plant, and also about the movement in and out of imported steel. out of imported steel.

The first picket, Mr Thomas Cassidy, aged 31, from Doncas-ter was arrested shortly after 7 am and charged with criminal damage to a lorry. He was re-manded in custody by Walsall magistrates and will appear in court again tomorrow.

Two more pickets, Mr William Albutt, aged 32 and Mr John

Loads intended

Steel workers' pickets at the

Channel ports yesterday turned away five loads of steel and car

components intended for ex-

port from Dover docks, and arranged the impounding of 20 tonnes of steel at Folkestone.

Mr Alan Cook, spokesman for

the pickets, also said a shap-ment of itsenium scrap had been unloaded at Weymouth, Dorset, but action by the sea-

men's and transport workers' uilons would prevent it from leaving the dock during the

strike.

Ar Folkestone, he said, the leave the dock on condition pickets allowed the steel to that it was impounded in the haulier's yard. "There will be a daily check, and we have told them there will be a 24-hour picker on the yard if it is

picker on the yard if it is moved," he said.

Pickets sent scouts to the Kent ports of Rochester and Whitstable to investigate steel movements there, but no packet

has yet been mounted on the

ports.
There was still no signs of

any significant steel imports to Dover. The Dover Harbour

due in the next few days and the port's noormal turnover in steel was "very small". As far as the board knew,

for export

turned away

By Nicholas Timmins

Bailey, aged 29, both from Rotherham, were arrested at lunchtime and charged with obstructing the police. They were given conditional charges for 12 months.

Mr Kenneth Johnson, the firm's managing director, said that no BSC steel had come into the plant since the strike began, but some had managed to be got out yesterday.

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got out yesterday.

About 300 pickets were our yesterday and Mr Clive Lewis, a regional ISTC official, said that in general they had been behaving well: "But we cannot keep an eye on everyone, and people do lose their tempers in certain circumstances".

He denied any suggestion that picketing in the region was not effective because the steel-workers had not been militant enough: "As far as we are concerned picketing is effective, and we are getting cooperation from many lorry drivers", he

"We do need more pickets to help with the tremendous number of steel stockholders in this area, but we want steel-workers, not all sorts of mili-

From David Nicholson-Lord

Corby
Steel users and stockholders in much of eastern England remained largely free of pickets

remained in get it is to be to the effectiveness of strike plans so far in freezing movements of

Most companies in the east Midlands and East Auglia have

enough steel in stock to last at least three or four weeks and are not experiencing great difficulties in obtaining supplies

rom stockholders, according to

regional representatives of the Confederation of British Indus-

contederation of British Indus-try and the Engineering Employers Federation.

Mr Michael Stamper, direc-tor of the east Midlands Engineering Employers Associa-tion, which has 600 member companies with 160,000 employees said: "We are very worded about the future but at

worried about the future but at present no companies have been

seriously embarrassed. Picket-ing has been lifted at some companies that were affected." Mr Kenneth Barnes, east

Midlands regional director of the CBL estimated that mem-ber firms had "anything from

three to four weeks to three to four months' of steel in

stock.
"Steel users are behaving very calmly and are reschedul-

Strike fails to freeze

movement of supplies

we are only concerned with the steel at source", Mr Lewis said. "That is why we had not picketed British Leyland at Castle Bronwich. We know, because trade unionists inside are telliog us, that they are not getting supplies of steel in, so there would be no point in picketing there." eting there ".

Manufacturers in the region have three to five weeks' supply of steel left but concern is growing about the vulnerability of the smaller firms which have little or no storage space, and rely heavily on the stockholders. . Wives of ISTC officials in the

region were out again yesterday with their soup van from which they are dispensing soup to pickets deployed all over the area. The van was out of action on Tuesday after being stuck in a heavy snowstorm on Monday.

ironed out. By next week the strike will really start to bite."

Corby district council yester-day announced the appointment

day announced the appointment of a director of industry with the task of attracting new jobs to the area to replace the 5,500 to be lost with the planned closure of steelmaking in March. The post is the first joint appointment between a district council and the Commission for New Towns. It will be taken up by Mr Frederick McGlenaghan.

by Mr Frederick McGlenaghan,

assistant director of industry at Peterlee, Durham. He will start

work in April. Few incidents: Picketing in

South and West Yorkshire was

almost without incident yester-day (Ronald Kershaw reports from Sheffield). One man was arrested outside the Winco-bank, Sheffield, works of the

private sector company, Arthur Lee, for jumping in front of a vehicle entering the works. He was later released by the police after a caution from a senior

Pay offer details: BSC is to

send details of its pay and productivity offer in a letter to the 7,000 workers in the Scottish division, Mr Robert Scholey, chief executive of BSC

said yesterday. (Ronald Faux reports from Glasgow). Speaking at Glasgow airport during a flying visit to the Scottish steel works Mr Scholey

officer.

# "We have to adjust, and quickly. Not only are we con-tinuing to lose money, but if we do not adjust we shall become an industrial irrelevance, like the dinosaur", he said.

Against the background of the threat to widen the steel strike, and speaking on the eva-of today's board meeting, Sir Charles emphasized that BSC's road to recovery lay in making only as much steel as it could sell at a profit, reducing overall costs, implementing further decentralization to promote greater motivation of the workforce, reducing steelmaking capacity, and reducing the iron and steelmaking labour force by 52,000. All five factors were interdependent, he said. He said that the corporation had pressed the Government to

BSC's head

scale-down

Reaffirmation of the British Steel Corporation's total com-

mitment to its controversial plans for scaling down the size of the industry over the next year was given yesterday by Sir Charles Villiers, BSC's chair.

The whole of the strategy,

based on a scaling down of manned steel making capacity to

15 million tonnes (with up to four million tonnes in reserve)

and a labour force of 100,000, he said, was linked to the permanent change in the industrial scene that the country

repeats

By Peter Hill

Industrial Editor

allow it a cash limit above the £450m allocated for the coming year but had failed. BSC executives estimate that most steel users still have be-tween five and six weeks' supply, while most heavy steel

consumers have between three and four weeks. The board is due today to discuss the controversial list of options for the scaling down of steelmaking at Llanwern and Port Talbot. Up to 15,000 jobs could be lost in South Wales as

### Cracks appear in Tory view of dispute By Michael Hatfield

Political Reporter On the eve of the Commonsbecame apparent last night that there are cracks in Conservative backbench solidarity over the Government's attitude to-As far as the board knew, steel shipments had not been switched to Dover, as the pickets feared, after successful blockade of east coast ports.

"We think the pickets have been given some misleading information", a heard smokes man said.

"I'me stocks they had during a flying visit to the when the strike started are holding up."

At Corby where there are spend £25,000 a day on countering the propaganda put out by strike leader said; "It is 54 the unions who, he said, had the said we are just learning. BEC offer to their members."

wards the dispute.
While Tory backbenchers
who are concerned at Govern ment tactics may not went to register their dissent openly at this stage, it was learnt that a private meeting this week of the Conservative takebench industry committee a minority questioned the stance of minimum.

While all those present at the meeting shared the view that the Government must stick to its policy of strict cash limits, about three MPs voiced the ought to be more positive over the need to break the dead-

Part of the argument arises out of the blunt dismissal that Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary for

State for Industry, gave to Mr Kenneth Lewis, Conservative MP for Rutland and Stamford, on Monday. Mr Lewis had asked for an

assurance that there was no restraint by the Government on the Secretary of State for Em-ployment conciliating where he could, when the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service indicated that it was possible. Sir Kelth's curt reply that Acas was a totally independent body clearly disturbed a num-Letters, page 15 ber of backbenchers.

### Continued from page 1 into a political struggle. I think into a political struggle. I think into a political struggle. I think into a political struggle in the page serious industrial i we can justify this reasoning on their behalf." He complained

Board is expected to sanction closures

that Mrs Mergaret Thatcher and Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary for Industry, were appearing on television and radio making 'misleading statements", and added: "In those circumstances we know full well we are being drawn into a political battle." British Steel's board meets today to discuss its closure programme, and is expected to sanction the closure of Consett steel workers in the north-east

consequences with follow.

Mr Sirs said it would exacerbate the strike. "We have not discussed it. If they take any decisions of that sort there could be a holocust as far as the trade unloss assets as far as the trade unions are conterned. You can rest assured, they would be engaging the wrath of the whole TUC, and joint action that would bring the whole industrial sector grinding to a halt quicker than a steel strike. And I mean the whole country." Another straw in the wind that seems to blow ever more militant in the dispute was a letter to the ISTC general sec-retary from London cab drivers belonging to the Transport and General Workers Union asking

to take it up with their two union. "I would hope that it would not happen", he said. In the 10 days before the private sector is called out, the steel unions will be looking for an offer from British Steel, But despite the intervention of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service, the two sides seem further apart than when the strike began. "Acas said they would put our views to the BSC and have

a word with us at a later stage", the ISTC general secre-tary said. "I still feel that untary said. "I still feel that un-less British Steel are putting money on the table the chances of getting round the table are

### Campaign 'dangerous for Labour' Hatfield in The Times, which over completely by a small

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National Agent Reg Underhill. A very high level and powerful party group and by no means confined to one political out-"A number of meetings were

held and after full deliberation an agreed report was drawn up and submitted to the NEC which endorsed it. The report was presented to the 1977 party conference and accepted by that conference. There has been no sérious demand since from any representative organization

cation of the report and the documents upon which it is based have only arisen recently since Labour's defeat and in particular after Labour's last particular after Labour 8 last conference. This could be a re-sponse to conference decisions which some people are loath to accept even though they were democratically debated and arrived at

arrived at.

"It should be emphasized that the Underhill Report was like dozens of other reports which are submitted to the various sub-committees of the NEC and to the NEC itself, which are never published, but can be the basis for NEC policy-making or action. making or action.

really around the question of really around the question of the lengthy documents upon which the *Underhill Report* was based. These apparently arrived in the National Agent's office in plain envelopes with-out any covering notes and carried no imprint. One cannot be sure that they are arthentic be sure that they are authentic and it would surely be wrong and it would sirely be wrong for the Labour Party to print at great expense, documents for the press, radio. TV, the party membership and affiliated organizations, giving them an importance they do not deserve. Having carefully read the recent articles by Michael

"I said earlier this week, and I repeat, if Lord Underhill or any other person who may have such documents, authentic or otherwise, wish to give them to the press to publish then that is their democratic right. In the process, those who supply this to the press should be prepared to give chapter and verse that the documents are genuine and also that the rules and constitution of the Labour Party are really being broken. ents, authentic or

"There are those, particularly in the media but echoed by a minority of Labour people, who talk of a civil war in Labour's ranks. I fear we shall hear a great deal of such talk in the coming months. These types of statements are not new. They were made during the Bevan/ Gairskell days and charges were made then against the Bevanites of a party within a party.

debate about CND and the nuclear bomb. But at that time it was "Communist Party" infiltration which was allegedly the reason for the shifts of policy within the party.

"It is surely clear that the objective of the present campaign about "Entryists", "Marxists", "Trotskyists", etc. is to confuse and frighten Labour's supporters at a time when the people are clearly turning against the Tory Government. It is further designed to weaken—and if possible— split the Labour Party by alleging that the Labour Party is either dominated or taken-

group of undemocratic extremists who stand for dictatorship. ments are consistently repeated, they are listened to and believed by some.

"The game being played is

for the future of the country. The atmosphere of extremism, of witch-hunting, of splits, can only benefit the real extremism of this Tory Government. As a recent correspondent to The Guardian said: It is much better for the party for the conflict of ideas to reach its own level by argument and reason than to resort to essentiate the conflict of ideas to resort to essentiate the conflict of the co tially undemocratic processes of witch-hunts and purges as in the bad old days. After all, at one time people mied to expel both Nye Bevan and Bertrand Russell from the party as dan-

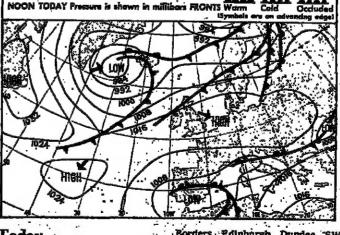
"I therefore urge everyone in the Labour movement to stop doing saything which can help Labour's enemies and in the process harm the British people. Let all the necessary discussions on future policy and organization be conducted in an atmosphere of tolerance and mutual respect for each other's

gerous hererics.

"The NEC of the party is the custodian of the rules and con-stitution of the party. It will, I am sure, see to it that the rules and constitution are fully accepted and implemented and those undermining them will be resisted from whatever side they come. And that goes for those seeking to split the party by entering into discussions. by entering into discussions with other parties and groups to form a new centre party, as from any other quarter. It is essential to keep a balanced view and not let hysteria take

Ronald Butt, page 14

# Weather forecast and recordings



Today

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow: Dry, mostly cloudy, but a few sunny intervals; indi, variable light; max temp 3 to 5°C (37° to 41°F).

New Moon: 9.19 am.

Lighting up: 4.53 pm to 7.23 am.

Lighting up: 5.50 m; 1.24 pm, 6.9m.

Avoundouth, 6.39 am, 13.0m; 7.61 pm, 13.1m.

Dover, 10.19 am, 6.6m. Hull, 5.36 am, 6.9m: 5.50 pm, 7.2m; Liverpool, 10.42 am, 9.2m; 11.05 pm, 9.1m.

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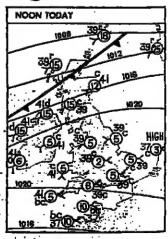
1ft=0.3048m A ridge of high pressure covers the British Isles.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight London, SE, central S, SW England, Channel Islands; Dry, rather cloudy but some sunny intervals developing; wind E moderate, max temp 3° to 5°C (37° to 41°F). East Auglia, E, NW, central N, NE England, Midlands, Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, 

max temp 5" to 6" (41" to 43°F).

Outlook for immorrow and
Saturday: Continuing rather cold
with sunny intervals and patchy,
freezing fog; Rain at times and
near normal temp in the NW. Sea passages: S North Sea: Wind E veering E moderate; sea

Wind E veering E moderate; sea slight.
Strait of Dover, English Chan-ner (E): Wind E veering E mod-erate; sea slight.
St George's Channel: Wind variable light; sea smooth. WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair;



Irish Sea: Wind variable light becoming SW fresh, sea smooth becoming moderate. Yesterday

London: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 6°C. (43°P); min 6 pm to 6 am, 3°C; (37°F). Humidity 6 pm. 75 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 6 pm, 3.3 hr. Bar. mean sea level, 6 pm 1020.4 millibars, rising.





**AreWest Indians** 

top of the form?

Fresh research published in this week's New

Society shakes the conventional view that West

Dr. Geoffrey Driver has studied 2,300 school

leavers in five inner-city areas. He finds that after a

slower start, West Indians do well as they move

further up the school: The pecking order is: West

Indian girls, English boys, West Indian boys, English

start, we should see ethnic communities as a

resource—not always as a 'problem'. .......

The policy implications are very important. For a

Indian pupils are under-achievers at school.

# of the party to take the issue any further although indi-viduals have raised it. "The clamour for the publi-

"The present argument is

he states are based upon infor-mation received about the "Militant Tendency", it is clear that the documents appear to be of the type that would emerge from the Labour Com-mittee for Europe, the Cam-paign for Labour Democracy, the Social Democratic Alliance, or any other organized group, Left or Right, partly true, partly boastful and exaggerated about achievements.

"The same was true over the

"Such allegations cannot be sustained. But like Goebbels's Nazi propaganda, if the argu-

dangerous. Not just for the future of the Labour Party but

Poll finds a deep unease with working of present political system and a desire for something better

# Voters in right mood for formation of a centre party

The mood of the British voting public appears to be right for the formation of a centre party. There is considerable apprehension about the Labour Party drifting to the left and the Conservative Party going to the right. But if Mr Jenkins decides to throw his hat into the ring his success will undoubtedly depend on the type of centre party he envisages.

For, though a clear majority of people favour the formation of a new party in the centre, there is no consensus on its component parts.

There is also a strong desire, if possible, to avoid a split in the Labour Party and it is undoubtedly a political factor which the preponents of a centre party would have to evaluate and get right.

These are some of the key findings in a special poll on attitudes to the concept of a centre party commissioned by The Times and carried out between January 4 and 6 by Opinion Research and Communication, with a representative national growth sample of 1,039 electors in 100 constituencies in England, Scotland and Wales.

The survey shows that there is deep unease with the working of the present political system, and a desire for something betterincluding a fairer system of relating votes to political power.

Uneasiness goes well beyond the political parties and can be said to encompass most of what might loosely be termed the "political establishment "-including the unions and

This can be seen in the first table:-

	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
The present political system no longer works properly	53	34	13
The Labour Party is moving too much to the left for my liking	60	- 22	18
The Conservative Party is moving too much to the right for my liking	46	34	20
The trade unions have too much power over the Labour Party	75	17	8
Business and industry has too much power over the Conserva- bys Party	40	38	22
People who don't want to sup- port the Labour Party or Con- servative Party have no oppor- tentities of making their views	Ċ		
tell	55	35	70

The dissatisfaction with the way the political system is working is significantly greater among the Labour Party and the Liberals possibly because Conservatives are suspending judgment to see how the new Conservative experiment in government works out:—

ŧ	C	طعا	٠.	Rest
Present political system no longer works properly	41	58	85	60
Disagree	48	29	27	18
Don't know	11	13	8	22

It is not unexpected that most Conservatives think that the Labour Party is moving too far to the left, but it is significant that four out of ten Labour voters share the same view :-

C	Lab	L	Rest	
82	33	71	47	
- 6	. 41	15	22	
12	20	14	31 .	
	82 6 12			82 39 71 47

A majority of Labour supporters think that the Conservative Party is moving too far to the right, but the extent of this disquiet is by no means as high. It is also interesting that only 21 per cent of Conservatives view this idea

	C	Lab	L	Rest
Conservative Party moving too lar to the	21	66.	61	41
Disagree	86	12	22	23
Don't know	13	22	17	37

Predictably nine out of ten Conservatives and as many (86 per cent) of Liberals think the trade unions have too much power over the Labour Party. What is striking is that 56 per cent of Labour voters take the same view. Concern about the business world's grip on the Conservative Party is not so great: a bare majority of Labour voters (54 per cent) take this view, but in the case of supporters of the other parties it is only a substantial minority view. A clear majority of voters—55 per cent—would like to see a new party formed in the centre of British politics. But there is no consensus at all on its constituent parts:-

Q: Some people would like to see a new party formed somewhere in the political centre. Would you like to look at this card and say which is your own view?

-	Att	C	Lab	L	Resi
I would like to see a centre party formed by the right wing and mod- erates of the Labour Party splitting away from the left wing section	9	. 7	14	.4	5
I would like to see a centre party formed by the moderales and the right wing Labour M.P.a joining up with the Liberals	14	. 4.	22	23	7
I would like to see a contre party formed by the left wing of the Con- servative Party joining with the Liberals	9	15	2	13	
I would like to see a centre party made up of the Liberal Party, and the moderates and right wing of the Labour Party and left wing of the Conservative Party	22	22	14	41	50
I am not in favour of a centre party being formed at all	32	40	33	14	27
Don't know/none of these	14	12	75	5	36

The first thing to be said about these figures is that only one third of voters feel satisfied enough with the present political alignment to reject the centre party concept positively.

The second is, despite the fact that it is their Government in power, Conservative voters are not much happier than Labour supporters. Thereafter, as might be expected, party opinions differ. Labour voters, not surprisingly, do not favour a left-wing-Conservative/Liberal centre party. Equally, Conservative voters are unenthusiastic about a Labour-moderates/ Liberal coalition.

But in both parties something like one in two would favour one or other alliance to alter the present political landscape.

There are few significant regional variations. But in general it can be said that people in the South are less in favour of a link-up between the Labour Party moderates and the Liberals :---

	North	Midlanda	South	Scotland/Wales
_	18	19	8	15



David Steel: main contender for leadership of a new centre party.

The only other break worth mentioning is that people in the North, perhaps, are a little less for the political status quo:

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	North	Midlands	South	Scotland/Wal
Not in favour of a centre party beling				
	20			26

At the time the poll was taken the voting intention was as follows: Conservative, 39 per cent; Labour, 42 per cent; Liberal, 16 per cent; Nationalist, 2 per cent; Other party,

1 per cent; no voting intention, 11 per cent.
Two further questions were then asked to
investigate the likely effect on voting patterns if Mr Jenkins (or indeed anyone else) decided the time had come to launch a centre party. What came through was that a centre party

which consists of a breakaway group of moderate and right-wing Labour Party would succeed only in splitting the Labour vote without hav-ing any real chance of winning power. The effect would probably be to give Britain two Liberal-sized parties in the centre instead of one. For such a centre party would take very little support away from the Liberals (3 per cent) and would not attract more than 16 per cent of votes in total.

A much more viable runner would be a centre party formed by fusing the moderates and right wing of the Labour Party with the existing Liberal Party. This would give a voting support of about one quarter of the voting population. But again (because there seems to be no consensus on what sort of creature a centre party ought to be) it would not seemingly achieve majority power. We would then end up with three parties of very roughly equivalent voting pull.

Q: If a centre party was formed by the moderates and right-wing members of the Labour Party splitting away from the left wing and they put up a candidate in your constituency, which of the following candidates would you be inclined to vote for?

	All	С	Lab	L	Acsi
Conservative candidate	26	71	1	1	2
elabitra jucded	29	5	72	3	12
Liberal cardidate	13	5	4	65	6
Contro party candidate	16	13	17	27	12
Nationalist or other perty candidate	2	1	1	_	11
Would not vote	4	2	1	_	21
Refused	1		•	7.	5
Don't know	9	6	4	3	31

If a centre party was formed by the moderate and right-wing members of the Labour Party joining up with the Liberals and they put up a candidate in your con-stituency, which of the following candi-dates would you be inclined to vote for?

	All	C	Lab	L	Rest
Conservative candidate	29	75	1	11	4
Labour candidate	31	3	73	10	11
Centre party candidate	23	13	17	63	19
Nationalist or other party candidate	3	1	1	2	12
Would not vote	5	2	2	4	22
Refused	1	_	•	_	6
Don't know	8	5	6	10	26

The most worrying thing for those who believe a centre party could be the salvation of the political system in Britain is that the defections from the Labour Party and Conservative Party remain astonishingly small whichever of the two likely alternatives are postu-

By a strange coincidence the figures are the same—respectively 13 per cent of Tories and 17 per cent of Labour voters—for both a centre party made up of the Labour moderates and right wing or a centre party incorporating Labour moderates and right wing and the existing Liberal Party. All that seemingly happens is that with the disappearance of the Liberal Party Liberal voters scatter. The great majority, clearly, go to the new centre party But a few, perhaps renegade Tories, go home. Similarly the Labour Party and the National-ists pick up a few. But the coalition of the Social Democrats and Liberals, in this event, does not attract any extra votes when all the movements have taken place.

Two further questions suggest that another Liberal revival might not be too fanciful :-O: If you thought at the next general election the Liberal Party had a reasonable chance of winning the election, would you vote for them or not?

	All	C	Lab	L	Rest
Would	42	27	35	39	37
Would not	50	67	57	1	42
Don't know	8	6	7	_	21

It is not surprising that more Labour voters are pro-Liberal. What is interesting is that one in four Conservatives answer positively. The second question is very hypothetical

and, perhaps, should not be taken too seriously. There are three cavears: the first is that a centre party does not exist. Second, there is no genuine list of runners for its leadership. And, third, Mr Roy Jenkins's support is probably unfairly represented since he has been out of politics and the mainstream of news for some time—and visibility is most important in polling response. Even so, two items are worthy of note. The first is that David Steel emerges clear favourite of our hypothetical list to lead a centre party, and second is that Mr Edward Heath, who has no party behind him, no close adherents, and gets very little political exposure, still comes a quite close second. -

Q: If a centre parry was formed and it won the next general election, which of the following politicians would you like to see leading it as Prime Minister?

	Ail	С	Lab	L	Rest
David Steet	24	16	. 19	63	19 .
Edward Heath	19	41	5	5	12
Shirley Williams	15	5	29	10	11
Roy Jenkins	11	12	13	9	7
William Rodgers	1	1	3		
None of these	18	19	17	9	26
Don't know.	11	6	14	4	25 .

That underlying strength of the Liberals is underlined by a further warning sign: the desire of voters generally not to see the Labour Party fragment itself.

Some people think, because of the present quarrels between the moderates and the left wing, that the Labour Party will split in two. Irrespective of which party you support, do you think that would be a good thing or a bad thing for the country?

	All	C	Lab	L	Rest
Good thing	26	36	14	32	27
Bad thing	59	51	73	52	44
Don't know	15	13	13	16	29

Perhaps the most surprising feature of the tables is that a bare majority of Conservative voters (51 per cent) believe it would be a bad thing for the country to see the present factional troubles of the Labour Party lead to a permanent split. Despite this, the unease about the working of the present political system remained as the final question showed. The lobby for parliamentary reform and for the introduction of some sort of proportional representation system clearly has a lot of support—particularly in relating the number of votes cast to the number of seats a party

Q: Do you think it would be a good idea or a bad idea if a new system of voting was

		Good Idea	Bad idea	Don't know
(a)	So that the number of seats a party wins in an election is in proportion to the number of votes it gats in an election		13	15
(b)	Which would make it more difficult for the largest party in Parliament to do what it wants without taking any notice of what the other parties want		35	20
(c)	Which would only make it possible for one party to form a government after an election if it had won half or more of the votes		28	22

Analysed by party the Liberals, not unexpectedly, are more in favour of electoral reform, but the differences are not great. In general the unease cuts across parties and there would be a general welcome among voters for some sign that political power equated more fairly with votes cast. \* All figures in the tables are percentages.

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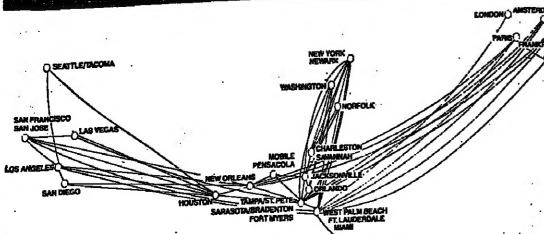
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# Gas bills likely to go up 50p a week | S African forces 'not | Local councils to get block grants but smaller increases in electricity charges proposed

The average family gas bill will rise by 50p a week next year, Mr David Howell, Secretary of State for Energy, said. He added that for Energy, said. He added that even after the proposed price increases Britain was likely to have the lowest domestic gas and electricity tariffs in Europe.

Mr Howeli (Guildford, C) had made a statement about financial targets for the British Gas Corporation and the electricity supply industry in England and Wales.

It is a fundamental chieffing of

It is a fundamental objective of they should be set a clear financial they should be set a clear financial discipline. We therefore opened discussions with the gas and electricity industries on medium-term financial targets for the period 1980-81 and 1982-83. The external financial limits for 1980-81 announced last November were set in the light of those discussions, which have now been satisfactorily concluded

In a period of international uncertainty over fuel supplies and rapidly rising fuel costs, it is imoctant that consumers should be aware of the true value of the fuel they are using. The prices which consumers pay for different fuels must reflect that value—taking into account, in particular, the fact that oil and gas supplies are limited.

We must conserve our scarce energy supplies for future genera-tions. After a year in which crude oil prices have risen by 100 per cent or more, this is bound to mean heavy increases in other fuel

The need to move to economic pricing has been our main consideration in setting the financial targets for the two industries. recognize that adjusting to au

I recognize that adjusting to an era of higher energy prices brings serious problems for many consumers, especially the old and the poor. The new scheme of assistance with heating costs announced by the Secretary of State for Social Services on October 22 last was designed to provide worthwhile help for those in most need.

We shall take proper account of the cost of enegy in our social policies and in determining benefit levels, particularly the levels of extra hearing additions. We are reviewing, in this context, the whole range of help available to assist consumers with fuel bills. Turning specifically to gas first: there are five reaons why domestic gas prices will have to rise.

First, our reserves of natural gas epresent a finite and increasingly aluable national resource. If the pirce is too low, we shall burn it ip too fast and bring forward the day when we have to turn to more expensive sources of supply. Second, in the short term too, low prices cause peak demand to surge above what it would otherwise be, brining the risk of shortages and supply cuts on cold

Third, gas from new North Sea fields will cost several times more than earlier gas supplies and prices must reflect these much higher

proper balance of supply and

peting oil product. The Govern-ment endorses this policy. The only alternative would be some form of arbitrary rationing and the risk of ever-increasing supply shor-

Fifth, artificially low prices con-centrate the benefits on those who have access to gas supplies at the expense of the rest of the popula-tion. Correct pricing is essential if some of the financial proceeds from our matural gas resources are to be secured for the benefit of the mation as a whole

Even the Price Commission in their report last July, before recent oil price increases, con-cluded that domestic tariffs should

Against this background, and the background of soaring world oil prices, we have set the British Gas Corporation a target, expressed as an average annual rate of return to be achieved over the period April 1980 to March 1983 of 9 per cent on net assets 1983, of 9 per cent on net assets valued at current cost. The target is related to current

cost operating profit after taking account of depreciation but before interest and tax. It will be adjusted necessary after introduction of the proposed new current cost accounting standard.

The target rate of return is expressed as an average over three years; the actual rate of return is likely to be lower than 9 per cent at first, but will increase progressi-

rely over the period.

Details of the tariff changes necessary to achieve the target are a matter for British Gas. However, in broad terms the Government expects domestic gas prices to increase this year by 10 per cent over and above the rate of inflation, followed by comparable real increases in the following two

years.

Against the same criteria of economic pricing, electricity prices will also rise, though the expectation is that this will be less than

in the case of domestic gas.

The target for the electricity supply industry in England and Wales has been set at an average annual rate of return of 1.8 percent on net assets valued at current cost—sgain over the three years 1980 to 1983. As in the case of gas, details of tariff changes are a matter for the industry. Prices are likely to increase over the three-year period of the target by about 5 per cent over and above increases in the industry's own costs, of which fuel costs are the biggest which fuel costs are the biggest The Government has asked both BGC and the Electricity Council to

Dr David Owen, Opposition spokesman on energy (Plymouth, Devouport, Lab)—Against a backpercent of spiraling domestic in-flation these are astronomical increases. Every family will be severely affected.

Fuel, light and power represent 6 per cent of an average family income. It is over 10 per cent for people who have an income 20 per cent below average. This

Mr Howell—There has been a 100 per cent increase in world crude oil prices in the past year. This necessarily means a major adjustment for all of us. The needs of the poor and the old are fully recognized in government ocial policy. The electricity discount scheme

It was generally recognized as an idiotic scheme because it spread benefit widely even to those who did not need it.

Bills vary widely, but the broad effect over the year will be an increase in family gas and electricity bills of rather less than the total of inflation plus the 10 per cent because the second 10 per cent because the second 10 per

ent will not come until October Mr Trevor Skeet (Bedford, C)— The real price of gas between 1970 and October 1979 has fallen by a third. Mir Howell—He is right that even after these increases Britain is likely to have the lowest domes-tic gas increases and tariffs and

lowest domestic electricity

the lowest domestic electricity tariffs in Europe.

In reply to Mr Arthur Lewis (Newham, North-West, Lab) he said that nationalized industries were obliged to follow the code of conduct on cutting supplies from the aged, sick, infirm, and those on social welfare.

There have been complaints (he continued) about the way the code is used and we are reviewing the way it is being applied. It is an independent review.

An average quarterly domestic bill now is about 529. Next year it will be £7 more. About £4 of this will be due to inflation and the other £3 to a real increase in gas prices. Average bills next year

gas prices. Average bills next year will be 50p a week higher.

will be sop a week nighter.

Mr Wedgwood Benn (Bristol,
South-East, Lab)—Everyone knows
there are many ways of conserving gas supplies without imposing a savage tax upon the poorest consumers many of whom will be driven to disconnexion and poverty. This will increase industrial costs for those firms that depend upon fuel and will lead to difficulty in exporting and maintaining employment at home. Mr Howell-The idea that holding down gas prices is the best way to

sition. It helps the rich and poor alike There are much more efficient ways, and ways the Government is bent upon of helping those in need, particularly when faced with the hardship of high energy prices. Industry is clamouring for more gas, an indication that whetever the price it would prefer to move from oil to gas. It is BGC policy, which the Government andorses, to relate industrial gas prices to the competing oil product prices.

Mr Gordon Wilson (Durales Esst.

Mr Gordon Wilson (Dundee, East, Scot Nat)—This will have a great effect on those areas in Scotland and the north where the climate is more severe. Elderly people may as a result die of hypo-thermia.

impact of the high cost energy era

Mr Peter Emery (Houston, C)— should He should raise again what seems a small problem, but one which troops.

# external interference'

Sir Ian Gilmour—I agree this mat-ter has been greatly exaggerated. We made clear at the Lancaster House conference that there would

ceasefire is the same as the num-ber killed daily before the

That again is cause for considerable congrabilations to all

forces, and the Patriotic Front.

I cannot accept that the presence just across the border of a small contingent of South African forces can be said to be a foreign involvement in Rhodesia.

Sir Ian Gilmour—He should look at this matter in some sense of proportion. Let us look at what has happened since the Governor

A ceasefire has been established

a monitoring force deployed, and a large number of Patriotic Front forces assembled with few inci-

dents. Restrictions on political parties have been lifted and arrangements for elections are well in hand. The majority of leaders want relations with neighbouring countries normalized. Internal restrictions have been greatly lifted many detainess released and

lifted, many detainees released and

These are remarkable achievements in a short time. It seems extraordinary that instead of concentrating on this, the Honse

solution.

The presence just across the Zimbabwe-Rhodesia border of a small contingent of South African forces forces could not be said to be foreign involvement, Sir Ian Gilmour, the Lord Privy Seal, said during operations of South African forces one side of the bridge.

Would it be possible to have a Commonwealth monitoring force there have a commonwealth monitoring force there have been built up to major proportions; that is this small contingent of South African forces one side of the bridge. put there because it seems this matter is vasily exaggerated in the eyes of many coloured people?

Mr. Sydney Chapman (Chipping Barnet, C) had asked the Lord Privy Seal to make a statement on the progress being made towards a ceasefire and new elections in Zimbabwe-Rhodesia following the ampropropers of Joseph lowing the appointments of Lord Soames as Governor.

Soames as Governor.

Sir Ian Gilmour (Chesham and Amersham, C) — The ceasefire in Rhodesia came into effect at midnight on December 28. Rhodesian forces disengaged and deployed to the vicinity of their company bases. Some 20,000 members of the Patriotic Front's forces have subsequently gathered with their arms at designated assembly points. A number of breaches of the ceasefire have been reported. These have mostly been attributable to elements of Mr Mugabe's forces. The Governor has taken appropriate steps to deal with breaches of the ceasefire in accordance with the Lancaster House Agreement.

House Agreement. Cross-border liaison arrangements have been made between the monitoring force and the defence forces of Zambia, Mozambique and Botswana. These are working satisfactorily. Zambia and Mozambique have considered Beisen

Mozambique have opened haison offices in Salisbury.

The House will wish to pay tribute to the skilful and courageous performance of the monitoring force during this difficult period.

period.

The Governor has amounced that elections for the White Roll seats will take place on February 14, and those for the Common Roll seats on February 27-29. Registration of parties for the election was completed on January 14, and nominations have to be in by January 21. The election commissioner and his staff are commissioner and his staff are supervising preparations for the elections.

Mr Chapman—He should give some assurance about how the administration intends to deal with possible intimidation of voters, particularly in the scattered rural areas.

Sir Ian Gilmour—Intimidation is forbidden by the Lancaster House Agreement. It will be for the Governor and his staff and the it would be impossible to com-pletely abolish it, but the Gover-nor will do everything in his power to see it is kept to the minimum.

Mr Toan Evans (Aberdare, Lab) Can he assure us that South African troops have withdrawn from Zimbabwe and if they are there they will not be allowed to interfere with the election process? Will all the parties in the

Sir Ian Glimonr—I cannot assure the House that all South African troops have been withdrawn be-cause the Governor has reviewed the situation and decided that a small contingent of South African forces is required to guard the Best bridge which is half South African property (Labour shoats of "Why" and "Disgraceful"). An official from the BBC has been visiting Zimbabwe and the Governor is obviously observing the broadcasts carefully. That again is laid down in the Lancaster House Agreement.

as further move to cut expenditure

the Government had no choice but to ask local authorities to continue he relative downward trend to which the last Labour Government subjected them, Mr Michael Hesel-tine. Secretary of State for the Environment (Henley, C), said when he moved that the Rate Sup-port Grant Order 1979 be

He said this settlement was central to their economic strategy and represented their main means of influencing local authorities' rating and spending decisions.

be no external intervention or involvement in Rhodesia. We are in touch with the Governor to ensure this is so.

I cannot accept that a small South African presence to defend. It rame at a critical time since local authorities now accounted for over a quarter of public expenditure. Reduction of public expenditure was a the Beit bridge amounts to external interference. (Labour protests.) There is a monitoring force close to the bridge which monitors what goes on.

economic simation.

Local government direct current spending in real terms more than doubled between 1956 and 1978, whereas its direct capital investment was only about one-third higher. In 1956, local authorities employed 1,600,000 people, but by 1979 the figure was an astonishing 2,900,000 with almost continuous growth year by year.

The basis of local government Mr Peter Shore, Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs (Tower Hamlets, Stepaey and Poplar, Lab)—The House will welcome the Lab)—The House will welcome the progress made so far towards this difficult goal of achieving an effective ceasefire and to make the first important steps towards holding elections which we trust will be free and fair.

This question of the Beit bridge is difficult. It is a crucial installation and it must be properly protected. There must be no doubt about that.

The basis of local government finance encouraged expenditure so each authority had first to establish exactly what task each of its employees was engaged about that.

A specific pledge was given at the Lancaster House on December 18, and in this House, that there would be no foreign forces in Rhodesia.

I am in favour of either using the Phodesian requires forces to Secondly they had to find out if each of these tasks was necessary and then to control the recruitment to each authority cruitment to each authority under direct political control so

every time somebody left there was no automatic assumption that the vacancy was filled. I am in favour of either, using the Rhodesian security forces to safeguard the Rhodesian side of the bridge or any other Commonwealth or other forces available. There is legitimate and reasonable sensitivity about this. In light of the strong words and pledges he has given in terms of the ceasefire arrangement, is he satisfied no infringement is taking place? In present circumstances they could not afford and had no choice but to reduce local government expenditure and employ The settlement was based on a logical extension of economic policy. Present plens asked for a phased reduction of 2; per cent over two years. With careful planning and the cooperation of local government, curs of this level should not have a serious effect on services. Sir lau Gilmour—One figure puts a good deal of the reports in perspective. The total number of people killed in Rhodesia since the

He had made clear to local authorities that the cash limit must hold and the Government would bold and the Government would provide no more cash. Local authority employers and trade unions would need to negotiate to ensure that authorities could live within this cash limit—for excessive settlements would result in reductions in employment, services or in further burdens on the rate-payers.

He intended to change the pre-

Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party (Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles, L)—The Government should look at this again. This is a provocative infigure in an otherwise totally successful reseasor. He intended to change the present grant machinery which was defective in two key respects. First, grant was distributed on an assessment methodology which assumed that actual expenditure equalled need. High spenders could receive more and more grant and low spenders less and less. Second, the resources element operated by giving authorities grant on the basis of their deficiency in rateable value below a national standard multiplied by the rate in the pound they actually set. The more an authority spent—and thus the higher it rated—the more grant it attracted.

The taxpayers' contribution to

The report was the most compre-

The reluctance of courts to con-

could not stand back and expect the majority of local councils to cut back if they knew that the only consequence of their econ-omy was that other, more profil-gate, councils simply got more.

He proposed therefore to replace the current grant machinery. His proposals for a new block grant would be included in the Local Government Bill shortly to be laid before the House.

be laid before the House.

Block grant was designed as in the present system, to enable local authorities to provide a comparable standard of service for a similar rate in the pound but it would do so directly through a single grant paid to each authority. This would be sufficient to bridge the gap between expenditure and the product of a standard rate poundage on rateable resources.

This was not open-ended. Stanand rate poundages would be determined on the relationship between actual expenditure and an assessment of standard expenditure. The Government would penniture, the coverament would provide grant support at a constant rate for expenditure up to the level of assessed standard expenditure, but the more an authority spent above that level, the greater the proportion it must raise from its ratepayers.

He wanted to see developed, in consultation with local authority consultation with total authority associations, a new system of assessing authorities' standard expenditure which would be comprehensible, stable and equitable.

In general, block grant would be much easier for the wider public to understand—a single grant to bridge the gap between

grant to bridge the gap between expenditure and resources and would increase the accountability of local authorities to ratepayers. The new system would limit the extent to which a few high-spending authorities could take grants away from other authorities.

The legislative timetable would not permit block grant to be introduced until 1981-82, but because of the need to tackle overspending now, his legislative proposals would contain provisions to amend would contain provisions to amend the current grapt system, as a transitional step. These would allow adjustments

to be made to suthorities grant entitlements at increase order stage next year where there was evidence of serious and sustained

evidence of serious and sustained overspending.
Grant abatement would be made only to resources element entitlements, except in London where adjustments would be made to the needs element of authorities that did not quality for resources element. He would use these transitional arrangements only if high-seconding surfacilies see out to spending authorities set out to challenge the Government.

This settlement was of excep-tional importance. The Govern-ment had put local authorities in a position to support the Govern-ment in the battle against in-flation. Within the limits of the present system he had made a fair settlement—fair as regards

Minister sees difficulties in

example after example in coexample after example in county and metropolitan areas where what done was resulting in a damaging and damgerous reduction in ser-

The Government's intention regarding the transitional arrangements was to impose on individual local authorities a spending ceiling. It proposed to impose that ceiling by use of powers which it did not at present possess. did not at present possess.

He was a supporter of cash liming.

Properly applied they were a
necessary element of financial prudence in local government. The
Secretary of State had made an
artificially low expenditure estimate so that so artificially low
cash limit in itself acted as a
further, or disguised, cnt. If he approved of this definition he was imposing a surreptitions incomes policy on the local authorly sector.

The main sufferers would be London in general and inner London in particular. A number of London boroughs such as Hackney.

Hammersmith and Islington, which were in desperate social, environmental and financial need would be the hardest hit. Cuts should fall on the shoulders of people most able to bear them, specifically the people who bene-fited most from the Government's

Mr Kenneth Marks (Manchester, Gorton, Lab) said they were building a new grant system on an ossified rating system and out-of-date ratable values that were completely out of date.

pletely out of date.
Mr Gordon Oakes, an Opposition spokesman on the environment (Widnes, Lab), sai dit was significant that the debate coincided with the announcement of swinging gas and electricity price increases, all of which would affect local anthorities severely. The effect of the rate surpoort grant would be two rate support grant would be two-fold. Local authorities, Labour and Conservative, would try to reduce expenditure. They would have to. They would also introduce a lower level of services. At the same

time there would be the most man-Shown.

Mr Tom King, Minister for Local
Government and Environmental
Services (Bridgwater, C), said proposals for dealing with the surplus
on the frouging revenue account
would be made shortly.

on the would be a consultation paper on the proposed subsidy syspaper on the proposed success yes-tem and separate proposals would be put forward as to how any surplus could be used.

The Government bud made a fair rate support grant settlement and would make every contribution it could. It was being fair, and realis-tic, though tough.

tic, though tough.
We are not prepared (he said) to we are not prepared (he said) to continue with a system which rewards high spenders and penalizes the prudent. We are not prepared, either, to remove from local authorities the maximum autonomy.

The order was approved by 305 votes to 257—Government

# Olympic Games: talks next week

what an MP had said about the advantage of finding another venue for the Olympic

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effect upon Russian public opinion that withdrawal would have, which might help to prevent a third world wer. Surely the Government is not without influence in this matter as it contributes to the cost

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the EEC meetings yesterday. Will the Government urgently examine with its allies measures in which without influence in this matter as it contributes to the cost through the Sports Council.

Thames, Twickenham, C), in a question about Sir Ian's meetings with the EEC counterparts.

Mr Jessel said: Will he make a special effort to have some further discussion about the question of whether the Olympic Games should be held at some venue other than Moscow to see whether his European counterparts feel the same way about it.

Sir Ism Gilmour—I appreciate there is some disappointment as to what has been achieved so far. Alliances and the Community necessarily move slowly.

The Foreign Secretary is at present touring the area adjacent to Afghanistan. He returns at the end of the week. We shall be consulting as to what further measures should be taken.

# Economic imbalances delaying progress

European Parliament
Strasbourg
Measures would soon have to be
adopted to help solve the problem
of the financial imbalance in the
EEC about which the United Kingdom was complaining, Sgr Attillo Roffini, the Italian Foreign Secre-tary and President of the Council of Miristers, said in a statement on the programme of the Italian presi-dency—the first six months of 1980.

He said the Italian presidency proposed to devote priority atten-tion to the speedy preparation of a new budget for 1980 and to do its best to ensure that the political guidelines worked out by the Euro, pean Parliament received due con-tideration

He knew there had been a call for a debate in Parliament on the United Kingdom's complaint and pending proposals to be put for-ward by the EEC Commission, he felt that any further contribution by Parliament in addition to that offered in November on the problem of convergence, might facilitate a solution.

Regarding the objective of convergence of member states' economies, they must make every effort to abolish distortions in the common policies which caused that divergence. They must strive to achieve conditions which would ensure a more consistent develop-ment of backward regions.

The Community could not be the Community could not be strong, efficient, and active if there existed within it economic and social imbalances which perpe-trated between the member states differences which were harmful to the pursuit of common policies and to achieving Community objec-tives.

They would try to make the fastest possible progress in examining Commission proposals for improved control of agricultural expenditure in sectors where there expenditure in sectors where there was a surplus.

A main objective was the preparatory work for moving on to the second stage of the European monetary system and especially for the creation of the European monetary fund.

On the whole the system had worked satisfactorily. Nevertheless there was an urgent need to devise a Community policy vis-a-vis the

Soviet intervention in Afghanistan was direct interference in the international affairs of a non-alined Islamic country, Sgr Attilio Roffini, the Italian Foreign Secretary and new President of the EEC Council of Foreign Ministers said

From the international point of view the existing precarious balance in that area of the world had been disturbed. The situation was delicate.

After the United States decision on the supply of grain to the Soviet Union, the Community had decided not to replace, either directly or indirectly, supplies which would not be forthcoming from the United States.

No extra grain for Russia

intervention on exchange markets but also a more pertinent monitoring of the compatibility of national monetary policies, especially those relating to interest rates.

Mr James Scott-Hopkins (Hereford and Wortester, Ed) said the search for a solution to the imbalance of the budget abould not be held up by Parliament's rejection of the 1980 draft budget. There was no reason why the pro-

budget.
His group wished to see agreement between all the budgetary authorities if possible before Easter and in a way which respected Parliament's budgetary

Serting the 1980 budget would this year coincide for the first time with 1980-81 far price review. He must warn the Commission and agricultural ministers that if they thought they were going to be able to increase the percentage figures of the agricultural sector without paying attention to what Parliament had said in the past, if would be difficult to reach agree-ment on the totality of the 1980

This year when farmers through-out the Community had had dra-matic increases in costs there were going to have to be some price

But we cannot (he said) go on financing ever-increasing surpluses or paying export restitutions on products going to countries such as Russia. I hope we shall stop those kind of exports. We should start restructuring the financing of the Community agriculture industry.

I warn the President of the Council that this newly-elected Parliament will take as great an interest in the forthcoming price review as it has in the 1980 budget. We expect complete involvement in all the stages of this price review. There should be a conciliation procedure over the agricultural price review similar to that existing for the budget.

He hoped Parliament would be taken, perhaps informally, into consultation over the appointment of the new President of the Commission, presumably in June. He hoped Parliament would be able to show its confidence by voting on the appointment. That would greatly increase the authority of the new President. But we cannot (he said) go on

revolution could not be exported

on the tips of bayonets.

# intervention on exchange markets

The report was the most compre-bensive review of the law and related facts involving this unat-tractive but not unimportant sub-ject ever made. But he believed the recommendations which would in-volve radical changes were wrong. The suggestion that illegal pornography should be defined as
what was offensive to reasonable
people was bound to be weak
because of its vagueness and would make convictions in courts even more difficult to secure.

There was no reason why the pro-cedures should not be dovetalled with those for settling the 1980 budget. vict even the most outrageous cases was not the fault of the present definition of illegal pornography as obscenity which tends to deprave and corrupt, but rather the "public good" defence pro-vided in the 1959 Act.

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The 1959 Act was an unhappy example of a sincere attempt to find a compromise which satisfied the moralists and the libertarians.

The broad effect of the report was to conclude that pornography was harmful and it was a matter of judgment where the line should tall to define what was legally acceptable and what was illegal. The report recommended drawing the line at a lower level than before, with a new definition of

what was to be regarded as illegal pornography, and a tighter system of film control. My advice (he said) is to pre-serve the existing legal offence of obscenity, but drop the words "which tends to deprave and cor-rupt"; to scrap the public good defeace which has proved such a pitfall, and to leave to juries to decide, in a changing world, what is obscene.

Lord Wigoden (L) said the most remarkable recommendation was that the printed word should be totally free from restriction. This was a surprizing suggestion which was apparently based on the argument that the written word was less immediately stimulating than the photograph. It seems to me (be said) there must be some restriction upon the

Lord Strauss (Lab), in a maiden speech, said there should be the maximum liberty for every individ-ual to read and write what he wanted, with certain exceptions, and he found the Williams report and he found the williams report admirable, with its view that portugately did no harm to the individual or society. Adults should have the right to decide for them selves, without being told by moralists, what was good for them and what was harmful. there must be a sufficient and proper law to prevent the exploit-

Ser Emilio Colombo (Italy, PPE) said detente must remain the fundamental aim of their policies but today responsibility for detente lay on the shoulders of the Soviet Union. Single authority for fishing industry

fishing industry
Mr Peter Walker, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said in a written reply. The Government has reviewed the future of the White Fish Authority and Herring Industry Board, taking account of the Government's policy of scrutinising all non-departmental public bodies. We consider that the interest of the fishing industry would hest be served by the establishment of a single statutory body to replace the existing authority and quard. We now intend to consult the interests concerned. Union.

Lady Elles (Thames Valley, ED)
said they had to show the people
of the world that Europe's newly
elected representatives recognized
the twentieth century Trojan Horse
of the Soviet Union—the oft
repeated technique of getting a
pupper government to "invite"
troops of the Soviet Union to keep
peace and order.
Sgr Mario Capanna (Inly, TCDC)
said even Stalin understood that
revolution could not be exported terests concerned.

framing new obscenity law House of Lords

The Government should strengthen the laws against pornography rather than weaken them as suggested by the Williams report on obscenity and film censorship. Lord Nugent of Guildford (C) said when opening a debate on the report.

House of Lords

from their viie and filthy trade. The present law was unsatisfactory. A jury might find a matter was obscene in the way it deprayed and corrupted, and then accept a defence that it ought to be published under the "public good" principle. The law had to be changed.

changed. His n His main objections to the present law was that it was intifective and uncertain, yet he could not accept the solutions presented by the Williams committee. by the Williams committee.

Surely a thing could be vile in itself. It was a sad and sick society which had not the courage so to hold. The Government should proceed with great care and caution.

ceed with great care and caution, allow more time for public reaction, and ponder seriously before accepting the report.

Lord Gardiner (Lab) said he agreed with the recommendations of the Williams committee except for the proposal involving films.

The proposals as a whole were sound. They would give protection where it was needed. They would prohibit a number of things which could be done at present. They would restrict others and change the face of Soho overnight. for the proposal involving films.

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The Bishop of Durham said he welcomed the report and liked its general tone but a recommendation he found most alarming was that there should be no restriction on the written word.

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Lord Transsire (C) said that after
10 years which had seen substantial

10 years which had seen substantial rises in convictions for rape and crimes of violence, now was not the time to take the risks such as advocated in the Williams report.

As a Christian nation (be said) we have a duty to clear up the moral fiith in our cities and to stamp out those objects that excite lust, perversion and violence.

The Earl of Longford (Lab) said he found the conclusions of the Williams committee lacking in intellectual coherence at crucial points. The report was likely to cause serious moral damage if ever adopted. adopted.

The Williams committee Would not acknowledge that pornography did or was likely to do serious damage either to individuals or to society as a whole.

There might be a few doctors who found pornography useful for therapeutic purposes. In that case pornography should be carefully restricted and obtainable only on prescription.

The Earl of Lauderdale (C) said

prescription.

The Earl of Lauderdale (C) said the Williams report was a suide one, intended to tilt the balance back in the name of reason as against emotion and religion. Lady Faithfull (C) said the report merited a double first as an aca-demic exercise but she believed it was at variance with the feelings and thinking of ordinary people. Lord Belstead, Under Secretary, Home Office, said even if there was widespread feeling that complete revision of the present laws was necessary it would not be an easy task to reach agreement on what should be put in their place.

evidence of harm by pornography was not always proved that did not deny the probability that damage was done by pornography in terms of cultural pollution, moral deterioration and the undermining of compassion, values and institu tions.
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tion when it was such that its unrestricted availability was offen-sive to reasonable people in the same way as the committee envi-saged restriction of pistorial mat-

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The committee argued in favour of a test as to whether sexual activity in a live show was real as opposed to simulated, and whether it was offensive. The Government would continue to listen carefully as to whether opinion, including opinion in the theatre, supported the distinction which the committee made between live performances and publication with regard to prohibition.

He was not sure about the committee's conclusion that local authorities should lose their licensing powers over films, and that the functions of the British Board of Film Censors should be vested in a new statutory Film Examing

Film Censors should be vested in a new statutory Film Examing Board. The abolition of local discretion in the showing of films and the termination of the board were steps not to be taken lightly. The creation of a new board raised questions about appointments, qualifications, appeals and immunities from prosecution which required careful consideration. A recommendation which would be widely welcomed was the proposal to control bogus film clubs. He appreciated the committee's judgment that a distinct but not necessarily inconsistent approach to films was needed. That was not to say that the committee's recommendations were universally acceptable.

A great deal of thought needed to be given to whether the balance which the committee recommended between probibition and restriction was generally acceptable. It was easier to make general statements about the scope of the law on obscenity than to suggest how new laws might be framed.

The debate concluded.

# Controlling stray dogs

Mr Andrew Bennett (Stockport, North. Lab) was given leave to introduce his Dogs (Control) Bill for the further control of dogs, including strays.

He said that each year 180,000 to 200,000 strays were found. About 60,000 dogs had to be destroyed each year, about 150 dogs a day. The present licensing system was farcical, bringing in about £1m and costing £1,6m.

Mr Andrew Bennett (Stockport, North 1988) and the second of the second o Mr Arthur Lewis (Newham, North-West, Lab) opposed his appli-cation, saying there was already a law that dogs had to be licenced.

House of Lords

# HOME NEWS Shear Cell deaths inquiry is ats not justified, policemen's leader says

By Peter Evans

Home Affairs Correspondent Mr James Jardine, chairman of the Police Federation, yesto its be of the route regeration, yes-caling done warranted and unsubstantiated terday attacked a most unsmear on the reputation of the police service" over the deaths in police custody. Speaking to a federation meeting in Coventry, he rejected demands

for a government-appointed public inquiry. He said: "There is nothing in the figures which even begins to justify the campaign

which is now being waged in the press and which is about to be launched in Parliament." He said that certain MPs ath and newspapers had seized on are understandable public anxiety about the deaths of Liddle and Towers, James Kelly and Blair Peach (who was not in cus-rody) to suggest there was something sinister about the number of deaths in police custody over the past 10 years.

"No matter that there has been no public complaint about any of them; no matter that the cause of death has been determined in more than been determined in more than 90 per cent of the cases by public inquests; it is enough to suggest that because these dearts happened in police custody there is a possibility that the they were caused by the

"I say it is a vicious arrack on the integrity of thousands of police of ficers who have of police officers who have half had responsibility for making to a prests and for the custody of prisoners.

Every force had specific standing orders setting out the officers in charge of beme police stations.

The question of what went on in police cells was under

"Let us bear in mind also Limethat police cells, every day of to the week, are seen by defence solicitors, by probation officers and relatives of prisoners."

The federation's objection to a public inquiry was that

making outrageous allegations. completely unsupported by evidence, and for police officers as a body and individuals to be

"We are not going to sup-port the idea of individual members of the police service being put up to be bom-barded with mud in the hope that some of it might stick. We do not need to be told by anyone that even one death caused by police violence 15 one roo many."

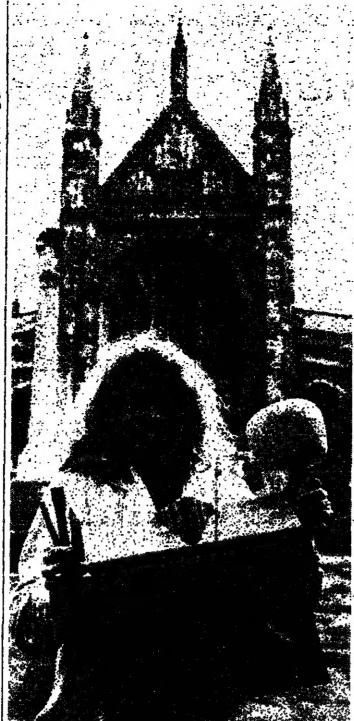
Because the Director of Pub lic Prosecutions had declined to prosecute so far it could not be concluded that he was not a fit and proper person to decide whether a police officer should be prosecuted. be prosecuted.

Mr Jardine said it could be estimated that over a 10-year period about four million people had been in police cus-tody of whom 245 had died, a mortality rate of 6.25 per 100,000

In all but 20 cases coroners' inquests had determined the cause of death. Where no in-quest had been held there had been a decision by the coroner on the basis of substantial medical evidence.

Mr Michael Meacher, Labour MP for Oldham, West, who was criticized by Mr Jardine, referred last night in reply to the deaths of Mr Kelly, Mr Towers and Mr Peach: "If we knew more about the other cases would we be talking of just three, or six or twelve or twenty or what? The truth is, no one knows."

Mr Meacher said he was not running a scare campaign, but we know about James Kelly and Liddle Towers. For all we know they may be something similar that has happened. That was why he wanted more facts. According to the police version and the way deaths were categorized, he said, Mr Kelly's death would have gone " beart-attack: natural



Lydia Kirk, aged 24, Winchester Cathedral's first woman stonemason.

# classes to cut house sale cost

By Robin Young Consumer Affairs

Correspondent Eritain's first school of do-ityourself house conveyancing was launched yesterday at the

House of Commons. The British School of Conveyancing will offer evening rutorials in a bired ball at Sideup and correspondence courses, and claims that it will between £500 and £800 on the legal costs of buying and sell-

Mr Kenneth Weetch, Labour MP for lpswich and a fierce opponent of the solicitors monopoly in conveyancing, said that the costs of moving house in 1980 were "horrifying". It would cost more than 2,000 to exchange homes priced at £30,000 even if the more was only across the street. Convey-ancing charges alone would be

Mr Weetch said the recent report of the Royal Commission on Legal Services, recommending a rightening of the closed shop, was a "stunning body blow to those who want to see a system of low cost conveyan-

But he thought it would be difficult politically for the Gov-eroment to bring in legislation restricting consumers' choice and strengthening a restrictive practice "which already makes the plumber and his mate look a high point of competi-

He said : " A vast number of people want to do their own conveyancing, and the school will give them the opportunity to do it under guidance, knowing they have someone to go to if they do get into difficulties".

areas of the country are in-adequately staffed because of the lack of trained midwives and the situation is getting worse, the parliamentary social services committee was told Mr John Watson, author of two textbooks on do-it-yourself conveyancing and the school's founder and principal tutor, said he had been offering an advice service for four years.
Of thousands who registered,
only one found a difficulty too
complex to deal with over the

# Conveyance | Price regulations 'may | Couple lose prove unenforceable'

By Our Consumer Affairs Correspondent

Trading standards officers are concerned that government regulations to control dual pricing and bargain offers may prove unenforceable.

There have been complaints that unscrupulous traders are evading the provisions of the Price Marking (Bargain Offers) Order, 1979, which bans misleading price claims.

Mr Stephen Hardy, director of a furnishing company in Nortingham, said he had evithe legislation in four ways. "Some are continuing to quote price comparisons with

manufacturers' recommended prices", he said. That was bunned for beds last July and domestic electrical December 10. "Others have merely changed

totally spurious 'after-the-sale even agreed a sale at the higher prices' which they will never price. It is obviously imposcharge. "In some cases 'usual price'

is actually defined in small print in the advertisements as a price that has been charged in just one day's trading at the com-

The committee, which was

considering perintal and neon-atal mortality rates, was told by the Royal College of Midwives that the shortage had been

exacerbated by recently intro-duced longer holidays and the shorter working week.

By a Staff Reporter

yesterday.

Midwife shortage 'growing'

Maternity units in many would worsen the shortage.

rrading standards officer for Nottinghamshire County Coun-cil, said: "At present we have not considered bringing prose-cutions. We are more inclined to advise the trade. The order is very complex and even when we have studied it we cannot be certain that our interpretation

Miss Rosemary McRobert, director of the Retail Trading Standards Association, which represent principal department store groups, said: "Apart from straightforwardly banning Notingham, said he had evi-dence of rival retailers evading turers' recommended prices in some sectors and outlawing vague and potentially mislead-ing claims such as worth ... or 'save up to ...' the rest

stupid. "It has made the situation pliances, consumer electronic worse as regards sale prices, goods, carpets and furniture on where a higher price is crossed out and a lower one substituted because to show that an offence the name of 'manufacturers' had been committed under the recommended price to 'normal' order the trading standards price and others again officer would have to prove are quoting comparisons with that the trader had never once

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Mr Christopher Rogers, spokesman for the Institute of Trading Standards Administra-tion, the trading standards officers' professional association said: "The feeling in the insti cers? pany's branch in London. These said: "The feeling in the insti-prices could be completely tute is that we have been lum-artificial". Mr Hardy said. bered with enforcing something Mr Geoffrey Hannibal, chief nobody understands."

Miss Ruth Wilday, a member

of the college's council, said that the service had been run on the

goodwill of the midwives long enough. Many worked much longer than the 40 hours they

were supposed to, and because of the financial difficulties of

tite service, did not claim over-

Miss Joyce Beak of the college said that midwives could

help to bring down the peri-

natal mortality rate if they were

allowed to contribute more to

time or time off in lieu.

# action on children's education

From Our Correspondent Great Witley

Geoffrey Harrison, aged 41, and his wife, Iris, aged 37, were. convicted by magistrates at. Great Witley, Hereford and Worcester, yesterday for failing to comply with school attendance orders in respect of three of their children. They were, granted an absolute discharge.

Mrs Harrison, who has been leading a campaign for the right. to educate children without interference from the authority, said last night that, she would appeal. She would not be sending her children to a state school.

The Harrisons live on a renote smallholding near Tenbury. Wells and said during the hear-ing that they were educating their children by a progressive method known as the "auto-nomous system", in which the children are encouraged to learn by themselves rather than being formally taught,

Hereford and Worcester County Council had placed attendance orders on Andria, aged 15, Grunt, aged 14, and Newall, aged 10.

Mr Colman Treacy, for the County Council, said it was the view of the authority that the Harrison children were lacking in their knowledge of formal school subjects and were having no education at all in the recognized sense.

Mr Ivan Gefen, for the defence, said the Harrisons' methods of teaching were designed to make the children self-reliant, confident, capable and mature individuals.

"The authority takes the view that there is only one kind . of education. If this view is accepted it will be a sad day. There are relatively few parents who would be prepared to take such a deeply principled stand. That is why there has been no legal precedent in a case of this kind since the Education Act was introduced in 1944 ".

### Public school comes under scrutiny in TV series

# Here the corridors of power begin

By Diana Geodes

Education Correspondent The most intimate, detailed and objective account to date of mone of Britain's most controverinstitutions, the public school, starts today in a series and 10 30-minute television docu-

mentaries on BBC 2.
Life at Radley College near Oxford, one of Britain's top 10 ampublic schools, of which both Mr Mark Carlisle, Secretary of State for Education and Science, and Peter Cook, the comedian. are old boys, was filmed in the Caster and summer terms last

The opening film tells viewers The importance of schools like Radley is disproportionate to their numbers. Only 5 per cent of boys go to public school, but that 5 per cent dominates nearly every major institution in the land, not least the Cabinet, com-

posed entirely of ex-public school boys, with one exception the Prime Minister herself.

"It is this predominance which arouses passions. Public schools are loved, hated, honoured and reviled. The present Government is pledged

to spend public money on sending talented boys from poor families to schools like Radley. At the moment fees are nearly £3,000 a year which ensures that few of today's pupils are of lowly social origin."

Mr Denis Silk, the headmas-

ter, who courageously agreed to the filming of every detail of the school's life, including the more sensitive issues of bomo-sexuality and alcohol abuse, said that he had seen six of the 10 programmes and believed that they were "a very fair representation of the hum-drum life of a school".

"I think Richard Denton, the producer has tried to find the heartbeat of Radley. That's damn difficult to do when you are trailing round a television crew with you, but he's achieved the next best thing Don't ex-pect any fireworks; a docu-mentary isn't supposed to titi-late, but rather simply to show

ing in day-boys. Radley has only boarders at present. The Government's proposed scheme would help only with tuition fees at independent schools.

Mr Silk, who is the son of a poor medical missionary and a former scholar at Christ's former scholar at Christ's Hospital, said: "I've known poverty, but I've been damn lucky. And I would like the kind of education we offer at Radley to be available to every child in the country, regardless of their parents' income. In the opening film, Mr Silk

is seen giving a pep talk to a group of new boys in the college chapel. "We regard this side (indicating the chape) of what we do here as the most impor-tant side of all. You will spend a small part of each day in here. But the real religious life begins when you walk out of

mentary isn't supposed to titiliate, but rather simply to show what's going on."

Turning to the assisted places scheme, Mr Silk said that he planned to tell the Covernment that he was prepared to belp in any way he begins when you walk out of that door.

"Some of you may be beliessed with good brains, others not. That doesn't matter two-pence; it's how hard you try... You come to school for one thing—to acquire the right habits, for life."

### Boy was crushed to death by giant snowball

From Our Correspondent

A schoolboy aged seven was asphyriated, trapped under a unge snowball, according to a pathologist's report at a Saiop nquest yesterday. The inquest was adjourned.

Anthony Bowers, of Leighton, Lawley Bank, Telford, died despite neighbours' efforts to everye him. A schoolboy aged seven was

He, his brother, Stephen, aged 10, and their friend, Ian Brice, also 10, built the snowball Police said it was about 5ft in diameter, and the boys began to roll it down an incline on Lawley Common.

Anthony appeared to have lipped beneath the snowball, which weighed about three nundredweight. The other boys noke up the snowball bur found anthony unconscious.

### Football ground nurder charge

Barry Rondeau, aged 19, of leming Mead, Mircham, Lonon, was remanded in custody until tomorrow week by the ardiff stipendiary magistrate esterday charged with the murler of a Swansea man.

He was charged with the mur-ler near Cardiff City football round of Mr David Williams, ged 31, a labourer, of Maytree venue, West Cross, Swansea, Seven men from the London rea will appear before the magistrates today barged with causing an affray ear the ground on Monday.

### Tootball chiefs rail bid fails

Stuart Dryden, aged 53, chair-ian of Nottingham Forest ootball Club, who was jailed ir six months for obtaining [62] he decention vectorday led by deception, yesterday fied in an application for are to apply for bail pending I appeal against sentence.

The application was made to The application was made to r Justice Peter Pain in chamas at Lincoln. He has decided refer the matter to the Court

Appeal.

# West Indian girls do well in school, study shows

By Frances Gibb

West Indian schoolchildren, particularly girls, pull ahead as they go through school and do better in later years than their English classmates, an article published today says.

Dr Geoffrey Driver, a research fellow at Leeds University, argues that his study refutes the "accepted wisdom" that West Indian children do not do as well at school as they could.

He comes up with a new pecking order of achievement among schoolchildren, with West Indian girls first, then English boys, followed by West Indian boys and lastly English sirls

The article, in New Society, comes just after the publication by the National Children's Bureau of a survey showing that second generation immigrant children do as well as, if not better than, than indigenous children from similar home backgrounds.

Dr Driver bases his conclu-sions on the examination results of 2,300 school leavers between 1975 and 1978 in five schools; two in the North of England, two in the Midlands and one in

the Home Counties. He concludes that Indians achieved results that were mostly better than those

obtained by English pupils In the critical subjects of English language, mathematics and science, the results of Engboys and girls taken together were on average the poorest, he says.

When the sexes were split, it was found that the West Indian girls did best at these subjects. West Indian boys did less well however, performing on average on a par with English girls. That bears out Dr Driver's general conclusion that among the English pupils it is the boys who do best at 15-plus, while among the West Indians, it is

# More comfort offered on inter-city coaches

By Michael Baily Transport Correspondent

National Express inter-city coaches, which lost over a million passengers since British Rail launched its highly successful cut-price railcards for students, pensioners and fami-lies, is to fight back with more comfortable coaches, a more sophisticated network of interchanges, and a six-figure advertising campaign, the parent state-owned National Bus Com-

pany disclosed yesterday. There will be no price war; coach fares are going up by 15 to 20 per cent this year and the days of road travel costing only hal fine rail fare are long past, the bus company admitted, although coach travel is still cheaper on many routes and substantially so on some.

The present ten million passengers a year on 2,000 inter-city coaches could be increased if only more people would try market research has shown A Disney-style frog will be urg-ing them from the television screens to "Hop off with National Express."

An unexpected finding of consumer research is that the elderly make up only 16 per cent of coach traffic. The young account for over half.

Vigorous competition from private coach operators is expected as a result of the Transport Bill. But National Express, with the advantage of a coach network of 600 routes linking about every town in the count try, regards that as "a sput rather than a threat", Mr John Birks, controller, said in London vesterday.

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MAKE THE MOST OF ENERGY

# Saving of £11.6m is expected in loss of 246 'quangos' after review of 2,117 organizations

By Peter Hennessy
The results of the Prime
Minister's long awaited attack
on secondary bureaucracy, the
non-departmental public bodies non-departmental public bodies (popularly known as "quangos") whose growth has mushroomed in the past decade, were announced in a White Paper yesterday. Of the 2,117 organizations examined, 246 will disappear, 3,700 ministerial appointments and 250 permanent posts will be terminated, achieving a total saving of \$11.6m £11.6m.
No bodies will be established

without the closest scrutiny and the policy of "hiving off" the policy of "hiving off" government functions to agencies like the Manpower Services Commission, recommended by the Fulton report of 1968, has been abandoned. The 1,871 organizations that have survived will be subject to charge examination from to sharper examination from the Comptroller and Auditor General, Parliament's spending watchdog, and the new select committee of the House of

The review of non-departmental public bodies was con-ducted, on behalf of Mrs Margaret Thatcher, by Sir Leo Pliatzky, former Permanent Pliatzky, former Permanent Secretary at the Department of Trade. It took three months and cost £35,000. It offers ministers scope for a further reduction in coming months of about 3,500 ministerial appointments and an extra 250 permanent jobs. The next round is likely to bite most deeply into the committee structure of the Man-power Services Commission. power Services Commission. Thought was given to returning the functions of the com-mission to the Department of Employment, but Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Employment, ruled out such a move as it would have incensed the TUC who set great store by the commission in its present form. Mrs Thatcher accepted

Unwilling

terror aid

criticized

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

Ways in which security firms

attain a well-protected target.

"This has operated to the

With the growth of the

"As a natural progression

This frustrates the efforts

"In this respect, it might be felt that the hard line constantly adopted by the Israelis and by the West Germans in the Schleyer case and the Italians in the Moro case is the

60 MPs condemn

Sixty Labour MPs have so far signed an early day motion put down yesterday by Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk, chairman of

the Parliamentary Labour Party's civil liberties group, after its meeting with Mr Jonathan Pollitzer, the Worm-wood Scrubs prison visitor dis-missed by the Home Office.

The motion condemns the action by Mr William Whitelaw,

the Home Secretary, when Mr Pollitzer's "only offence was to tell the truth about the inci-dent at the prison on August 31". The motion calls on Mr

Whitelaw to reinstate Mr Pollitzer forthwith in line with

the recommendation of the May committee for a "new openness of approach" and "openness of mind" by the Home Office towards public

discussion of prison matters. Mr Kilroy-Silk, Labour MP for Ormskirk, has also asked

Mr Whitelaw to clarify the position of Miss Kay Douglas-Scott, another voluntary worker at the prison, who has been put

Pollitzer she appeared on the

television programme Thames

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only tong-term solution."

dismissal of

prison visitor

By Our Home Affairs

Correspondent

terrorists, extremists and criminals are encouraged to kidnap well-insured individuals,

negotiator.

relatives or employers.



Other big savings will come from areas within the parronage of the Department of the Environment (£1.55m), the Department of Health and Social Security (£600,000) and the Department of Employment (£454,000). Cuts in the com-(£454,000). Cuts in the com-bined budgets of the 2,117 bodies examined, totalling £350m, have elready been announced as part of the Government's public expendi-ture review which was carried out separately from Sir Leo's exercise.

Bureau; advisory bodies, like the Army Education Advisory Board, and tribunels, such as the Irish Pensions Appeal Tri the Irish Pensions Appeal Tri-bunal (all examples of bodies that are to go). In the execu-tive category, 30 bodies will disappear or be merged with others, 211 advisory boards will be wound up and five tribunals discontinued.

It is recognized in Whitehall that the savings achieved by the Pliatzky review are tiny when set alongside a total annual public expenditure of £70,000m. Emphasis is placed, however, on the changed climate which will, it is claimed, prevent a further proliferation of creeping bureaucracy and on the greater financial stringency and

financial stringency and scrutiny that Sir Leo believes necessary for organizations that are generally immune from market forces

Sir Leo notes that excessive scrusiny might act as "a fresh deterrent to public service" and his report is explicit about the persistent difficulty ministers and permanent secretaries experience in finding people of sufficient calibre to fill vacancies on public bodies.

Sir Leo who retires from the Civil Service at the end of the month, has left a list of questions for the Civil Service Department, which will carry on his work, to put before mini-sters in future reviews of public bodies. They are: 1 Is the function which is being carried out essential? Or, if not, is it valuable enough to justify

the time and money spent on it?

2 If the answer is that the function
is either essential or sufficiently
valuable, is it best carried out by
the non-departmental body in
question rather than by another 3 Is it being carried out well and economically?

economically?
4 Conversely, would there be any substantial loss or disadvantage if the body were wound up?
Report on Non-Departmental Public Bodies: (Stationery Office, Command 7797), £5.75.

# poisoning of

remarks.

By Pearce Wright Science Editor

birds

urged on

An investigation into how organic lead was dispersed along the north shore of the Mersey estuary, killing more than 2,000 curlew, redshank, dunlin waders, gulls and duck, is being requested by the Royal Society for the Protection of

The need to discover if the hazard has passed will be put to a meeting on Monday in Liverpool of scientists from Government laboratories, the North-West Water Authority, the Associated Octel Company and members of the society's re-search department.

Mr Ian Prestt, director of the society, said it was the first time an industrial pollutant had caused such damage to an important estuary feeding ground. The shore opposite to the one on which most of the birds were washed up contains the Ince washed up contains the ince Bank, a site of international importance for wildfowl, par-ticularly colonies of up to 30,000 teal and pintail.

Concern about dispersion of such a toxic substance was thus understandable and the risks to other areas should be deter-

An unfortunate side issue was the water authority's original reluctance to accept the possibility that the poisoning came fro mthe river into the food chain of wildlife when the mortality was at its peak in November, Mr Prestt said.

However the authority in a statement this week accepted that much of the lead present is tri-alkyl, which is used as a petrol additive. Analysis of the tissues of birds has shown concentrations of lead between 10 and 40 times

# Investigation Anarchist trial jurors complain about judge

Four of the jurors who were criticized by Judge Alan King-Hamilton, QC, for returning a verdict of not guilty in the recent anarchists' trial have written to Lord Hailsham, the Lord Chancellor, complaining about the judge's "insulting" remarks.

Tenarks.

The letter states: "Not only did he criticize our verdict, but his remarks cast aspersions on our integrity as jurors and on our intelligence as people. We took our role very seriously and, as our oath obliges us to, considered the case according to the exidence produced in to the evidence produced in court before us."

The jurors point out that the trial of Ronan Bennett, Iris Mills and others lasted three months and that they had to give up their jobs for that time. Although it was an onerous service, it was one we were willing, as citizens, to provide.

"It was, in our view, repre-hensible of the judge to criticize us publicly on two occasions. We had no equiva-lent opportunity to air our views about his remarks. Though he made his remarks. in open court in the full knowledge that they would be reported, he told us not to talk to the press.

"As a direct result of the

judge's remarks, some jurors have, since the trial, found themselves under considerable strain and pressure."

managed to trace one another, ask for an explanation as to why the judge was allowed to make his remarks and for an

make his remarks and for an assurance that, in future trials, juries will not be subjected to the same treatment.

They say: "We feel that such treatment would lead to an unhealthy reluctance on the part of the jury to make their transmitted to their transmitters." own verdict according to their conscience, and instead put them under pressure to attach too much importance to the judge's indication of his view of the guilt or innocence of the

They object to the fact that they were not told in advance they were going to be vetted and ask for an undertaking that the fact they returned a verdict of not guilty would not be recorded against their names in police files.

jurords said yesterday that they stuck by their verdict, despite the evidence that came out at the trial of Mr Stuart Carr, another anarchist which the judge had made them sit through the day after the original trial ended.

That evidence had not come

out before, and they had not known about it, so it was irrelevant to their decision. If it had been brought out during the original trial, the defence counsel would have questioned it, she said. They had all felt angry and humiliated by the The four jurors, who did not angry and humil take one another's addresses judge's remarks.

### Probation changes sought

Correspondent

A change of stritude is needed by courts towards perty persistent offenders the report of a seminar held by the National Association for the Care and Resettlement Offenders says today.

scept the probability of many petty recidivists returning soon on further, albeit minor,

Sir Arthur Peterson, former police, academics, senior civil servants, educationists, proba-tion officers, and representa-tives of other law enforcement If probation officers are to supervise incre such people it

is a concrete chamber Ift x 16ft x 7ft, reached by ladder down a concrete shaft.

The pamphlet (United King-dom Warning and Monitoring

Organization) prepared for the Home Office says it is the job of each monitoring post to report to group control, which would originate fallout warn-

would originate fallout warnings and comes under sector controls linked with Nato. Buildings which house group and sector controls have been designed without windows and built to withstand biest and give protection against radioactive fallout. Bach has its own standby, services, including

standby services including power, sanitation, yentilation and deconfemination securities

as well as emergency find and water supplies
The Central Office of Infor-

One warns: "No place in the

you are known."

The films depict the do-ityourself approach to survival
which, so far as the general
population is concerned is what

the British Government pro-

Viewers are told that when

downstairs room away from

an outside door.

two controversies will inevitably become intertwined parliamentary activity, though the administrative headquarters Parliamentary report, page 4 Paris journalists' macabre protest at redundancies

WEST EUROPE

Controversy revived

over location of

European Parliament

bourg and most parliamentary officials live there.

A motion supported by a majority in the Socialist group demands that the Council of Ministers fix a permanent site by December 31, 1980, and it is kikely to carry in Parliament.

Farm price demand: Mr James Scott-Hopkins, leader of the

European Democrats, gave a strong warning when the new Italian President of the Council

of Ministers made his first appearance in the European

He said that having rejected the Council's 1980 budget, the Parliament expected "full and complete involvement in all

March farm price review."

Addressing Signor Attilio Ruffini, the Italian Foreign Minister, Mr Scott-Hopkins said: "We seek greater parliamentary influence over the EEC's agricultural policy, as we do over the budget." He asked for a farm price conciliation procedure like that established, for the Community budget.

In other years the Parliament

In other years the Parliament has had no effective say over spending. It carried in December a budget containing a token sum for agriculture, and then later in the parliamentary year had to pass a supplementary budget. In that way parliamentary control was minimal.

After Parliament rejected the

Council's budget last December, the redraited budget and the Community's farm price review will for the first time coincide in the spring, and the

budget

(stages and processes of March farm price review".

Strasbourg, Jan 16 Controversy over a single site for the European Parliament

has been revived in party group

meetings here today as tactical dispositions are made for a

decision that has to be taken by the Perliament's President and

group leaders tomorrow.

If in April or May plenary

If in April or may present in Luxembourg after more than a year, the Parliament's Managerial Bureau must decide

In Luxembourg the new Hemicycle", big enough to take the enlarged Parliament of

410 members, is being furnished. Flats for MEPs form

By a one-rote majority the Socialist group, the strongest numerically, has decided that there must be only two parliamentary working places: one, for plenary sessions, in Strasbourg and a second, for committee and group meetings, in Brussels.

German Socialists with French

support have roundly said that they will not attend plenary sessions in Luxembourg if the Managerial Bureau attempts to

the defunct delegated Parliament.

British Conservatives in the European Democratic Group

have before them a report from Mr Alan Tyrrell, QC, who

argues that it is for the Parlia-

ment, not the Council of Ministers, to settle where the European Parliament should

Feeling is strong that Brus-sels is the sensible site for all

part of the scheme.

From Our Own Correspondent From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Jan 16
Forty-five journalists of the
independent, conservative newspaper L'Aurors chose a sinister
charade today to highlight their
dismissals. They held a demonstration in Paris this afternoon, using a tumbril and a fanfare playing funeral marches to walk from the original L'Aurore headquarters, in the Rue Richelieu, on the building of Le Figaro in the Rue du

Louvre.

Lowvie.

The merger of the two newspapers is said to be planned by M Robert Hersant, whose press empire includes Le Figaro. He has already transferred the editorial offices of L'Aurore to the premises of Le Figaro, with the redundant 45 journalists still left at the old L'Aurore.

Today's protest was an effective one in the eyes of the public, with people lining the streets where the horse-drawn "tumbril" passed, preceded by the fanfare of L'Ecole des

Beaux-Arts, playing " de profun-dis " and funeral marches. Five of the redundant journslists stood in the cart while the other 40 marched behind a plac-ard inscribed "L'Aurore: Lazurick founder — Hersant

gravedigger."
The journalists are complaint ing at the loss of plurality of the French press in general, the French press in general, and of the one in Paris in particular, as well as the dismissal of half—the demonstrating 45—of L'Aurore's editorial staff.

The two papers skready share editorial and adventising copy and the journalists claim that L'Aurore has become the "omer cover" of Le Figuro.

One journalist, M Claude Prunier, who also was on the dismissal list, will keep his job. He is the delegate of the journalists' union and the Ministry of Labour has refused to give permission to the management to dismiss him, since his dismissal was "unjustified and based on a trivial accusation".

# Berlinguer meeting called mation has ready a series of short informative films to be televised in the weeks immediately before nuclear attack

From Our Own Correspondent Rome, Jan 16 In a double announcement

United Kingdom is safer than anywhere else. No one can tell where the safest place will be. In fact you will be far better off at home, because it is where the headquarters of the Communist Party first stated in tones of implied joy that Signor Eurico Berlinguer, the party leader, would be going to Bonn today for a meeting with Herr Willy Brandt, chairman of the West German Social Democrats, and then said two hours later that he would not

By explanation it merely stated that Herr Brandt found fallout warnings sound people should seek shelter or, if caught completely in the open, himself too involved with preparations for a Bundestag debate opening tomorrow on Afghanistan and had to put off lie down.
Entitled Choosing a Fallout
Room another film says that
the safest place in a house is their meeting to some unspeci-fied date in the future. The meeting would have had

much importance for the Italian Communists especially at this particular moment in which Signor Berlinguer, who has condemned the Soviet invasion of Afgianistan, was hoping to gain support for his proposal for a European initiative. Left-wing sources here attribute the sudden reversal of Herr Brandt's attitude to pres-sures brought to bear on him. It was pointed out that Mr Warren Christopher, the American Deputy Secretary of State would also be in Bonn today.
It was also suggested that some elements in Herr Brandt's own party might feel they would lose votes if their leader was seen in friendly touch with communist.

### Next: Russian civil defence Basque militant shot dead on his doorstep

San Sebastián, Jan 16.—A left-wing Basque nationalist was shot dead on his doorstep early today near San Sebastián, the police said.

No details were known of the attack on Señor Carlos Saldise Corta, a 33-year-old militant of the Herri Batasuna coalition which supports the military wing of the Basque separatist stroup ETA wing of the Basque separatist group ETA.

Nobody immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, the fifth fatal shooting in the Basque country this year. The four other killings were claimed by ETA—Reuver

### Man stopped as he runs towards Pope Rome, Jan 16 .- An uniden-

Rome, Jan 16.—An unidentified man carrying a placard ran towards the Pope during his general audience today but was restrained by a Swiss guard before reaching the Pontiff.

The Vatican said the man, in his forties, jumped over a low wooden barricade and ran 65th down the aisle of the main audience hall holding a placard over his head. Vatican sources believed there were no political motives involved and speculated that the man was of deranged mint He was turned over to the Italian police.—UPL

### West Germans relieved at small rise in low birth rate

From Patricia Clough

Bonn, Jan 16 West Germans who thought West Germans who thought that in a couple of centuries there would be too few of them left to fill even a single-decker bus may breathe again. Latest statistics show that West Germans may at last be more willing to breed.

Between 1965 and 1978, annual hierbe depressed by almost

Between 1965 and 1978, annual births dropped by almost 50 per cent, from 1,044,000 to 576,000. West Germans now produce approximately 0.65 of a baby each, the lowest birth rate in the world.

But incomplete figures show that higher these persons and the product of the persons and the persons are stated to the persons and the persons are the persons

that births began to increase slightly from the middle of last year. By the end of October—the last month for which figures are available—there were 489,000 births, which means that by the end of the year between 4,000 and 5,000 more babies will probably have been born than

in the previous year.

Experts in the Health and Family Ministry think that the increase may parely be because, from July last year, maternity leave increased from two to six months and material allows. months and maternity allow-ances of up to £200 were intro-duced. The plans were known

well in advance.

The experts believe the increase may also be influenced by the higher unemployment among women
The fact that the tiny rise in
the birth rate can be splashed
on the front page of a German
newspaper, the Frankfurter
Rundschau, is an indication of
its political importance here.
A main plank in the Opposition Christian Democrats' Election platform is a plan to spend

tion platform is a plan to spend huge sums of money on even better maternity benefits to encourage women to stay at home and have babies.



for future reviews.

The largest financial saving of £7.35m will come from bodies controlled by the Department of Trade, like the Price Commission and the Metrication Board. Their disbandment has already been amounced. The biggest change disclosed for the first time in yesterday's White Paper is the merger of the White Fish Authority with the Herring Industry Board.

Sir Leo's analysis distinguished three cypes of public organization executive bodies, like the Location of Offices

# Civil defence—2: Blue plastic domes and white dustbins mark underground regional HQs

# Government plans a do-it-yourself approach to survival

Home Affairs Correspondent
The Government's southeastern regional headquasters,
to be used during a miclear
attack, are dig deep under a
wooded hill.

and insurance companies seeking to protect people from
terrorist kidnapping can unwittingly increase danger are
described by Mr B. Hayes,
Assistant Chief Constable re-The way in, behind a caged entrance, is down a gently sloping corridor, three cricket sponsible for operations in Surrey Constabulary, in the international quarterly Police. Studies. sloping corridor, three cricket pinches in length. The accom-modation which amounts to a three-storey office block inder-ground, is air-conditioned by by ventiletors designed to keep our nuclear active dust. There are massive standby generators capable of powering the head duarters lighting, air condi-tioning, and, communications systems. provide a worthwhile service by protecting individuals and organizations who can afford the cost, he says. But in other, ways they perpetuate and increase the violence associated with terrorism by driving the terrorists to greater efforts to

systems:
After a noticar attack, any person arriving there would have to change his clothing at the entrance and brush himself. "In the field of kidnapping.

part as Italy and Colombia, representatives of these organizations have sought to act as private negotiators between the kidnappers and the victims Messages will arrive in the communications centre 30ft below ground level via a telephone switchboard or teleprinter system.
There is a separate tele-

There is a separate tele-printer system for the scienti-fic room, which will be the monitoring centre for radio-activity in the area covered by the headquarters.

Another room has been set aside for broadcasting. The BBC will bring its own equip-ment if an international crisis develops and war seems disadvantage of the victims, the disadvantage of the victims, the relatives, the police in the country concerned, and society in general. special security industry, insur-ance companies have increas-ingly issued policies against the risk of kidnapping, Mr Hayes develops and war seems

Apart from offices there is a conference room where dis-cussions on the latest informa-tion can be chaired by the subregional commissioner. In addition to the conference

knowing that a ransom is capable of being paid. Families room on the first floor, the regional commissioner, sub-regional commissioner and a senior member of staff, have and employers are encouraged to negotiate with the per-petrators, often against the law, and using the professional offices with beds (army-pat-tern) folded against the wall. of he security forces, and lowers their image in the eyes of the public, while at the same time enhancing the standing of

By John Young Planning Reporter

on relief from tax'

·Landowners lived in a dream

world if they pinned their hopes

on future tax concessions as a way out of their economic diffi-curies, Lord Northfield, chair-man of the recent committee of inquiry into the acquisition and occupancy of agricultural land,

Addressing a conference in London organized by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, Lord Northfield remarked on the vast change in

the prosperity and future expec-tations of the farming industry.

A typical 1,000-acre estate was worth film. "Just what capital tax reliefs can we expect from

governments on personal hold-ings of this market value?" he

The idea that payment of capital transfer tax or its equivalent should be deferred until the inheritor sold all or

Nine men were being inter-viewed last night by detectives from Scotland. Yard's flying squad and serious crimes squad after raids were made early-yes-terday in London and the Home

By Our Crime Reporter

capital transfer tax or its and forestry with the active enequivalent should be deferred hancement of the countryside, until the inheritor sold all or part of the property was hardly of those who worked in it.

Fifty officers took part in by Det Chief Supt Robert the raids, which were carried Wilson of the serious crimes our with warrants under the squad.

**Detectives interview nine** 



largely to living quarters, but there is a separate self-con-tained sick room. Alongside the

The headquarters are part of a nationwide communications and proposed wartime govern-

toring posts, manned by mem-bers of the Royal Observer Corps. One typical post lies 200 yards from a main road concealed in a thicket

The first is in fact the ionization chamber of the fixed explosion. Another instrum

in any direction from the post would record a mark indicating the bearing and elevation of the records the peak pressure of an explosion and others give metereological information.

# A nuclear underground regional headquarters during a flooding emergency. The second floor is given dom's warning and monitoring argely to living quarters, but organisation, which is considered is a separate self-conained sick room. Alongside the estaurant the stainless steel of white tiled well-equipped kit-

a white tiled well-equipped kitchen gleams.

ment centres.
Information about attacks,

likely to gain acceptance, he

suggested.
"It would mean that land-

owning would become a tax haven on a vast scale, with

future generations assured of good living off totally protected

capital, including that propor-tion of the assets that would

otherwise have to be sur-rendered or sold to pay some

form of estate duty.".

Commander Michael Saun-

ing the encouragement of rural industries such as agriculture

Firearms, Thefts and Dangerous Drugs Acts. Dogs trained to detect drugs were taken to a number of the homes searched.—The raids followed informa-

tion received from convicted criminal who has been housed

survey meter for measuring radiation levels. The other encases four pinhole cameras so arranged that a nuclear burst About 20 feet below ground

### Above ground, the only unusual signs are a blue plastic bomb bursts and fall-out will originate at the United Kingdome and a white dustbin. Landowners 'cannot rely Move to make

By Christopher Warman Local Government Correspondent Those responsible for causing pollution at sea should bear all the costs involved both for preventive measures and for dealing with pollution after it has occurred the Association of

urged by councils

polluters pay

occurred the Association of County Councils believes. In evidence to the Royal Com-mission on Marine Oil Pollu-Commander Michael Saunders Watson, a member of the taxation committee of the Country Landowners' Association, argued that few landowners saw their property either as an asset which could be disposed of for quick profits or as a long-rery investment. tion, the association seeks to press for international action to ensure that that is done. It also supports a move to set up a European fund to which poten-tial polluters in Europe would contribute to cover the costs of both identified and unidentified pollution. or as a long-term investment. They saw their role as one of long-term management, combin-

Mr Geoffrey Waterer, chairman of the association's con-sumer services committee, said: "Recent incidents, including the Tarpenbek off the Isle of Wight and the Eleni V in the North Sea, have highlighted the unsatisfactory nature of existing compensation arrange-

Mr Waterer added that improvements in the international arrangements should be accompanied by much more vicorous and effective enforcement and control by the Government

Teachers back the cane The National Union of Teachers has decided not to campaign for the abolition of corporal punishment. Only 10 approached. per cent of branches that responded to a questionnaire were in favour of abolition.

# Guarantee company pledge to reconsider man's case An insurance company that society, Mr Welge would be refused a fidelity bond for a reinstated. The company did paint sprayer who was dismissed by a motor group and the insurance of the company did not know the company did not kno

missed by a motor group as a result, said yesterday that it will reconsider his case if he submits character references. The Kenning Motor Group,

which requires all employees to be covered by fidelity bonds to ensure against dishonesty, had dismissed Mr Hans Welge from his £75-a-week job at its garage in Colchster, Essex.

Mr Welge, aged 34, a German, had been employed by the garage for two months. "Someone has slipped up here and it is up the intercept agents."

is up to the insurance people to publicly clear my name, he said yesterday.

Mr Welge, who said he had never been in trouble with the police, or in debt, or dismissed from a previous job, demanded that the Guarantee Society, a subsidiary of the General Accident Insurance Group, explain the reasons for not giving him cover.

him cover.

Mr Welge, who lives at Wivenhoe, near Colchester, with his English wife and two children, said he had provided the Kenning Group with the names of two previous employers, one in England and one in Germany. The German company had given him "an excellent reference" but he understood his English employers had not been approached.

The Kenning Group, which has admitted that Mr Welge was a "first-class worker", said last night that if the difficulty

tion to his employment.

The society issued a state ment yesterday saying it recon whenever an applicant provided satisfactory character references from all employers over the previous three years.

The facility had been offered and explained to Mr Welge, but he had not taken it up. The spokesman said it was not clear whether that facility was

offered before Mr Welge was dismissed or afterwards. The company refused to give reasons for its decision over Mr Welge, but said: "There is a basis at the moment for cover having been withheld. There is a problem and we realize he is genuinely upset ". But it would happily reconsider his application if he submitted

the necessary references.

The society added that it was a condition of cover in fidelity insurance that an employer sought references before employing anyone who might handle money, stocks or accounts. The society provided an inquiry service into poten-tial employees. The British Insurance Asso-ciation said yesterday that

fidelity insurance was a specialist class of business and usually applied to employees who handled large sums of money and ensured that any losses were recovered in the event of their or distonesty. Some companies covered all their employees.

# Synod debate reveals | New claims **Dutch Catholics** split into five groups

From Peter Nichols Rome, Jan 16

It was a predomintntly bleak day at the Durch synod in the Varican. The more starty-eyed supporters of innovation were reminded early that a state of communion within the Church could never be limited by human concepts nor lived on earth in all its perfection.

This was the second day of debate on the report of the synod's secretary on the prob-lems which had convinced the Pope to summon all the Dutch bishops to this unprecedented special synod.

More by luck than any sleight of hand on the part of the conservatives present, the crincisms of some of the Duch experiments coincided with publication by the Votican of a much fuller summary of the discussions, though individual speakers were not identified.

There was much talk of groups. The old problem of the subjective in religious belief arose with the distinction made between those whose point of departure is what the faith affirms and those who begin from what they themselves feel. An example given was the liturgy; some wanted to accept the explicit content of the faith by the following the Second Varican Council and the Roman Missal, while others wanted to introduce into the liturgy elements from their own experience.

experience. Another attempt at grouping the feelings prevalent among Dutch Catholics ended by identifying five. The first was of long-standing fidelity to the Church with roots going back before the Second Vatican Council with respect to authority and the life of prayer.

Then there was a numerous group of average Catholics who loved the Church, were interes-ted in the Second Vatican Council, were active and in-terested in the realities of the

A smaller third group had drifted away from the institutional Church because it saw it as being in opposition to evangelical values.

A final group was totally outside the Church and the invitations on the part of the Church to return. Some Dutch Catholics had

the impression of being misunderstood by certain bishops and by Rome. Their difficulties were also due to the mass media and the human sciences. In the new context, and in the search for new church struc-tures a popularization had taken shape above all because of the efforts of small groups and periodicals.

On the whole, the Dutch Catholic community remained normal in so far as the work of the priests, the attachment to the papal authority and parish life went. Not only the Netherlands was in this posi-tion: the same could be said of all churches with a silent majority and some activist

groups. Interest in the univarsal Church remained strong among Dutch Catholics. There was an undoubted distinction made between the Pope and the Curia, with a lack of confidence in the

There was a drop in belief in the Real Presence at the Eucharist, in the character of sacrifice of the Mass, in the sacramental character of the priesthood and a falling off in the practice of confession. The sacraments were reduced too much to psychological level and more attention was given to the Scriptures than to tradi-

tion in the Church. Not all was so sombre. The criticisms of the Roman Curia, the Church's central administra-tion, grew from the quarrels of the past 20 years, and from the lack of direct contacts which should be planned and continuous.

An exaggerated pessimism on An exaggerated pessimism on the present situation could give the impression of a lack of con-fidence on the part of the faith-ful who had difficulty in fol-lowing the Church because they

But there was cause for mod-erate optimism because never before had there been such ac-A fourth group was on the frontier: it had not left the people who know their own reschurch explicitly and still ponsibilities and those of the turned to it in different bishop.

# Crisis in Belgium as party withdraws from coalition

political crisis roday after one of the five political parties withdrew from the centre-left coalition because of disagree-ment on constitutional reforms. Mr. Wilfried Martens, the Prime Minister, announced that King Baudouin had accepted the

resignation of the two ministers and one deputy minister belonging to the Brussels-based Front (FDF). The four remaining parties,

the French-speaking and Flemish-speaking wings of the Social Christians and Socialists, still have a working majority in Parliament.

But the FDF's defection deprives them of the two-thirds majority needed to push through constitutional amendments granting a large measure of autonomy to the regions. The amendments are an attempt to reduce antagonism between the Flemish and French-speaking

The resigning Government members are: Mr Lucian Outers, the Foreign Commerce Minister Mr Leon Defosset, Minister Mr the Minister Mr Leon nister for and Mr Brussels François

Brussels, Jan 16.—Belgium Persoons, Secretary of State for has been plunged into a new French Community Affairs. The crisis resulted from the

disclosure of a secret agree-ment between the three Frenchsceaking coalition members designed to guarantee that the Flemish national majority could not dictate to French-speaking Walionia and Brussels.

The Flemish Social Christians, Mr Martens's party, said stitutional and asked the Prime Minister for clarification.

The cabinet today ruled that inter-party agreements must not flour the constitution and cur-tail the freedom of individual parliamentarians, informed political sources said.

Finding itself abandoned by the French-speaking Social Christians and Socialists, the FDF, led by Mrs Antoinette Spaak, daughter of the late Paul-Henry Spaak, decided to withdraw from the nin-month-old Government. old Government.

Mr Martens will make a policy statement to the Parlia ment tomorrow and ask for a vote of confidence, Mr Willy Claus, the Deputy Premier, said.

# French court hard put to cope with appeals flood

Paris, Jan 16

Cases being referred to the Supreme Court of Justice in France are growing so fast in number that the judges are increasingly unable to keep up with them. One of the main reasons is the number of unsound judgments made in the lower courts, according to the court's latest annual report.

In the past six years the Supreme Court's work has increased by 50 per cent, partly due to the growing tendency by convicted people to take their case to the ultimate court of appeal, but also because of the growth in delinquency. There is also the fact that measures taken in recent years allow access to the law by poorer

The economic crisis has also played its part with more people going to law for compensation after being made redun-

This pressure on the court 57.

meant that it dealt with 14,242 cases last year compared with 12.994 in 1977, but at the same time the waiting list for judg-

ments grew.

The court is worried that this growing and inevitable delay in obtaining a hearing will result in fewer people being prepared to put their cases forward even though they ought to do so. At the same time the court is worried that sheer pressure of work could mean its own decisions will be of a poorer quality. Civil cases represent two civil cases represent two thirds of the court's work. although appeals in this field are growing more slowly than in penal cases which jumped by 14.27 per cent over the previous year. The court quashed all three death sentences passed by lower courts. ces passed by lower courts. ces passed by lower courts.

The court has also noticed an increasing number of people seeking compensation for false imprisonment. These cases used to average about 30 a year but

# Thieves take £1m cash from aircraft they told to halt

Rome, Jan 16.—A pilot was duped into halting a Swissair DC9 airliner about to take off from Rome's Leonardo da Vinci airport while this es stole two airport, while thieves stole two Pouches containing about £1m worth of cash from its cargo

Police said the thieves dressed in fake airline overalls radioed the pilot from an airport vehicle to stop the air-craft for an urgent check of leaking fuel. They then drove out, opened the cargo hold and

stole the bags.
Minutes after the theft the aircraft left for Zurich, with its

pilot unaware that the theft had taken place.

The thieves, after taking the bag, radioed "all OK" and the aircraft having received clearance, turned on to the runway and took off.

last year the court deak with

Only minutes later did the pilot mention the incident to the Rome control tower, whose staff, surprised by what seemed

staff, surprised by what seemed to be an irregular procedure by technicians, began inquiries.

Swissair refused to comment on the theft. Police believe the theft must have been organized by aircraft employees who knew of the cargo.—Reuter, AP.

# of Bokassa

diamonds

Paris, Jan 16 Once again Lc Cunard Enchaine, the satirical French weekly, is "digging for diamonds" A new document on the "affair of the Bokassa diamonds", involving President Giscard d'Estaing, has been published in today's issue.

It is a letter signed by M. Hugues Dobozendi, the Central African Finance Minister, and

addressed to the former Emperor Bokassa, dated March 20. 1978. It asks for the "carbon copies of the orders and the correspondence to the Comptoir National des Diamants, French section, and concerning the President of the Republic as well as French personalities,

in affair

as well as French personantics, for registration purposes."

In the upper left corner of the published letter is, in M. Bokassa's handwriting, the word "accord" (agreed), his signature and the date Last October *Le Canard* Enchaîné began publishing fac-

simile documents concerning alleged gifts of diamonds from the former Emperor to M. Giscard d'Estaing. When the President was ques-

tioned about this on television on November 27, he replied that "one must let base things die of their own poison". There was no comment from

There was no comment from the Elysée Palace today
In the same issue this journal also claims that "French teams" combed the palace in Berengo after the Emperor's fall and found a ring with a 62-carat diamond as well as a jar containing thousands of uncur diamonds. cut diamonds.

# **EEC** move on trade relief for Yugoslavs

From Michael Hornsby Brussels, Jan 16

News of President Tito's illthe EEC into trying to accelerate agreement on long stalled trade concessions to the Yugo-

Despite frequent statements of support for Yugoslavia's cooperation with the Gulf states independent position in the communist world, powerful economic and trading Interests in EEC member states have so far blocked attempts to give Yugoslavs more generous access to Community markets.

Yugoslavia's trade deficit with the EEC is currently running at an annual rate of more than £1,500m-a huge burden for an economy of its

For the past year the European Commission has been trymainmining quantitative limits on the duty-free access of more

than 60 items.
Those include many semifinished products, non-ferrous
metals, glass, shoes, leather
goods and some chemicals. The
Commission agrees with the
Yugoslavs that this is excessive
and also wants the EEC to relay Yugoslavs that this is corelax and also wants the EEC to relax imports of restrictions on imports agricultural goods.

EEC EEC foreign ministers links with each other and yesterday instructed their per-share a broadly similar outlook.

renresentatives Brussels to draw up a mandate for the Commission to make an improved ofer to Yugoslavia. health, and fear that Moscow It is hoped that the Commission might seek to influence events would be able to report back in Yugoslavia were he removed on the Yugoslav response to the from the scene, have spurred next meeting of the EEC foreign ministers on February

> The foreign ministers also gave a sympathetic hearing to a German proposal for closer economic and commercial -Iraq, Kuwait, Saudia Arabia, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Oman.

The Germans suggest that the agreement the EEC is due to sign next month in Kuala Lumpur with the Asean countries - Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, Indonesia and the Philippines - should be the model for the new relationship with the Gulf states. Although the German idea

pre-dates events in Afghanistan, Bonn argues that it has acquired new relevance because of the sharpening of the Soviet threat to the region, and that it should ing to persuade member states to offer more extensive tariff.

free access to Yugoslav industrial goods. But hicherto the member states have insisted on by the lack of progress in the best of the lack of progress in the la The German initiative has been inspride to a large degree by the lack of progress in the so-called Euro-Arab dialogue, an artempt launched by the EEC after the 1973 oil crisis to estab-

lish closer relations with the Arab world in general. Bonn contends that the Nine would do better to concentrate their efforts on a smaller group of Arab countries which not only have close ties of friendship with several EEC states, but also have close historical

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From David Cross Washington, Jan 16

President Carter is consider ring building "a strengthened framework for regional scoperation" in South-West Asia, Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State, disclosed

Certain elements already in the Administration's strategy would be included, he said, such as increased American forces in the Indian Ocean area; increased assistance to nations in the area, such as Pakistan, which are threatened by the Soviet invasion of by the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan; and encouragement of "regional peace" between Israel and its Arab

neighbours.

The idea of what the American press has already described as a new "Carter Doctrine" was first mentioned publicly by Mr Zbigniew Erzezinski, the President's national security adviser, in an interview with the Wall Street

interview with the Wall Street Journal yesterday.

"We are prepared to work to create a cooperative security framework for the region in a variety of ways". Mr Brzezinski said. "This doesn't require, in all cases, either physical or formal arrangements of the kind that have come to be associated with the other areas (like Nato).

(like Nato).

"Nonetheless, the trend is towards increased military presence in the region, towards greater utilization of available facilities, towards a regional security framework including also the United States."

Full details of the Admini-stration's thinking are expected next week when President Car-ter delivers his annual State of the Union message to a joint

the Union message to a joint session of Congress here.

Asked about the possible American use of military facilities in Kenya, Somalia and Oman, Mr Vance said today that "reactions arising from our preliminary discussions have been positive".

However, American plans concentrated not on "huge United States bases, but the use of facilities that exist in vari-

of facilities that exist in various countries which would be available to the United States in connexion with the increased presence which the United States has there and would intend to keep there for the foreseeable future ".

The Secretary of State also played down possible future co-operation between Washington

Meanwhile, Mr Harold Brown, the Defence Secretary, has said that some of the Soviet troops in Afghanistan have reached the borders with Pakistan and Iran: "Any further action by them to go beyond (Afghanistan) into Iran or Pakistan would be very, very much more serious still", he said.

### Tory urges US war threat against Cuba By Our Political Editor

Growing Conservative back bench pressure for countermeasures against the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan now include urgings to encourage the United States to threaten to "re-take" Cuba. At a private meeting on

Tuesday evening of the Con-servative foreign affairs com-mittee some right wingers were reported to be electrified -and more moderate MPs in a state of consternation—to hear Mr Peter Tapsell, the former front bench spokesman on Treasury and Foreign Affairs, demand warlike retalia-

Tapseli wanted the Russians to be given an ulti-matum to withdraw from Afghanistan and if they did not, for the United States to invade Cuba

# Communist parties critical of Soviet intervention rebuked for using 'bourgeois' arguments

Moscow, Jan 16

The Russians today hif back strongly at those communist parties that have criticized the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan accusing them of biased comments, using bourgeois international solidarity.

In a clear reply to the Italian, internations, and international solidarity.

The Russians today hif back cussion had started among left wing forces on the nature and forces of internationality solidarity with revolutionary parties forced to resist the subversive activities and aggression of imperialism, and on the compatibility of international solidarity with the principles of mounterference in inter-state relations. strongly at those communist parties that have criticized the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan accusing them of biased comments, using bourgeois arguments and misunderstanding international solidarity.

In a clear reply to the Italian, British, Yugoslav and other furnosen parties that have con-

European parties that have con-demned the Soviet actions, an editorial in the influential weekly New Times said most weekly New Times said most communist parties, especially those in the Soviet block, had issued statements evaluating recent events "from class and internationalist positions"—in other words, supporting the Russians.

The magazine listed some of the parties which it said had

the parties which, it said, had given a resolute rebuttal to the

But against this background the biased comments of some organs of the communist press are clearly dissonant". The authors presented the events in Afghanistan in a distorted light, using arguments from bour-

geois sources.

This was "all the more strange" as they had ignored the official statements of the Afghan Government.

Khyber Pass

Diplomatic Correspondent

Carrington

visit to

From David Spanier

Khyber Pass, Jan 16

of Afghanistan.

The point at issue was whether the Americans and the whether the Americans and the Russians were equally guilty for the situation in Afghanistan.

"Such an approach is completely unjustified because it completely ignores the chief factor: namely the radical difference in the nature and foreign policy objectives between socialism and imperialism."

Although some communist

Although some communist

parties admitted that the Americans had carried out subversive activities in Afsubversive activities in Al-gharistan, they assumed a dual position; on the one hand welcoming the Afghan revolu-tion, condemning the excesses of the Amin regime and wish-ing the new leadership success, but on the other hand voicing doubts about the advisibility of Soviet military assistance to Soviet military assistance to Afghanistan.

Some even went as lar as describing it as inter-ference, damaging the country's

New Times said a lively dissovereignty and the cause of cussion had started among left peace, wing forces on the nature and "In this case, one is bound to ask: what then is inter-national solidarity among

national solidarity among revolutionaries? Does it boil down only to moral and diplomatic support and verbal wishes of success, or does it also consist of providing, under according to the control of t certain extraordinary condi-tions, a material, including military assistance?"

military assistance?"

The journal, in a clear reference to Hungary. Czechoslovakia and Afghanistan, said that in cases where such an "extreme need" had actually arisen the Soviet Union had acted "in full accord with the norms of pezceful coexistence. treaties To have denied help to Afghanistan would have left

the Afghan revolution and people a "defenceless prey" to class enemies, imperialism and feudal reaction.
The Russians have clearly been stung by some of the harsh words from those parties

calling themselves Euro-communist, and feel this can only weaken a position which they must know, following their massive defeat in the United Nations General Assembly, is increasingly hard to justify at home and abroad

# Mr Begin fears PLO links with Russia

Jerusalem, Jan 16

Mr Menachem Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, today Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secretary, came face-to-face with the Afghan Army at the top of the Khyber Pass today. The detachment of Afghan sol-diers which guarded the frontold members of the Knesset that the lesson for Israel from the Soviet invasion of Afghani-stan was that the creation of a Palestinian state would lead to a direct Soviet presence in the tier post, no more than a simple Middle East.

iron rail across the road, stood about looking somewhat be-Reporting on his summit meeting in Aswan with Presi-dent Sadat, Mr Begin quoted a Palestine Liberation Organiza-tion spokesman as describing mused at his arrival. Down the road behind the guard post stood a white fort with a red flag, and beyond that a stupendous penorama of the Soviet invasion as "assistmountain peaks, range upon range, stretching into the heart ance to a friend". Mr Begin added: "If a

Soviet invasion is assistance to Lord Carrington, with a gar a friend, what, God forbid, would be liable to happen were land of yellow flowers round his neck, was quickly sur-rounded by a crowd of curious tribesmen who had come in from their mountain villages a so-called Palestinian state to be established in the land of Israel, or a similar creation under the rule of the Kadoumis One of the maliks or ribal elders, began explaining to the Foreign Secretary what had happened to them. Their homes, he said, had been straied by Russian helicopter gunships and their people had been bombed with napelm. and the Arafats", he said in reference to two leading PLO officials. "Within a very short

Tehran threat

oil production

Mr Ali Akbar Mointar, Oil

Minister, said today. Referring to the possibility of

sauctions by countries other than the United States, Mr

Moinfar told a news confer-ence: "It all depends on which

countries participate. Any country which does will be deprived of oil."

He added: "Iran is prepared

to reduce production to 1.5 million barrels a day if it comes to the worst." He said present

production was running at between 3 million and 3.5 million barrels a day.

Saboteurs last night blew up an oil pipeline running from Ahwaz to Abadan. The explosion

started a fire.
Iran today held a limited cele-

bration of the Shah's departure

a year ago. The radio esked people to burn effigies of the Shah for 10 minutes at 3 pm and chant "Allah is great". —Retter and Agence France-

Tehran, Jan 16.—Iran may halve its oil production if allies of the United States join in economic sanctions against it.

Tehran, Jan 16.—Iran may by Henry Stanhope Defence Corresponde The Ministry of made it clear yester

President Sadat. These events included the flow of advanced Soviet arms to Syria, the acquisition by Jordan of advanced

Mr Begin said that progress

made it clear yesterday that

there was no question of ex-

pelling a number of Iranian servicemen who are on courses

at Royal Navy and Army train-

Labour MP for Ormskirk, has

promised the Government a

barrage of questions during the

next few weeks in an attempt

to persuade it to change its

About 70 countries have

servicemen on various courses

in this country, and Iran in the days of the Shah was an un-controversial "customer".

The presence of Iranians under the present regime in Tehran is something of an embarrassment for the Govern-

ment however, given its pledge of support for President Carter

in his attempt to persuade Ayarollah Khomeini to release

the embassy hostages.

The ministry refuses to disclose how many there are, while

But Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk.

ing establishments in Britain.

Britain 'has obligation' to

train Iranian servicemen

time it would become a Soviet base—at the invitation of a friend."

He went on to call on other nations "to beware and to understand why we unreservedly reject not only the establishment of a Palestinian state but also the formation of a corridor liable to lead to it."

It was against this background and other events in the region that he had talked with weaponry, the presence of Rus-sians and Cubans in South Yemen and the sale of sophisticated American arms to Saudi

had been made on a number of points involved in the immi-nent normalization of relations with Egypt, Talks on the pro-posed telephone, telex and air-line links would be held next week.

### Karmal drive to gain legitimacy in foreign eyes

From Robert Fisk
Kabul, Jan 16
Having consolidated its hold
on Afghanistan with the assistance of Soviet troops, the
Government of Mr Babrak
Karmal is placing increasing
emphasis on seeking interparional legitimacy national legitimacy.

Daily newspapers in Kabul

now carry prominent reports of favourable reactions to the new regime from Syria, Kampuchea and India as well as the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, while Mr Karmal himself is trying to win the support of Ayatrolah Khomaini.

In a long letter to the Ayatollah yesterday, the new Afghan leader criticized the adverse reaction in Iran to his Societ supported course this was

Soviet-supported coup—this was a veiled reference to the cona veiled reference to the condemnation by Iranian religious
leaders—and sought to assure
the Avarollah that the murder
of Muslim tribesmen in
Afghanistan had been brought
to an end with the overthrow
of the Amin regime in Kabul.
Aware of Iranian fears that
Afghanistan may be used as a
springboard for a Soviet attack,
Mr Karmal continued: "My
Government will never allow
anybody to use our soil as a anybody to use our soil as a base against the Islamic revolution of Iran and against the in-terest of the fraternal Iranian

people. We expect our Iranian brothers to take an identical The new Government here has also been publicizing mes-sages of good will from groups of Pushtun and Baluchi tribesmen-whose repression under Mr Hafizullah Amin the Islamic clergy have often complained— and a message from Amnesty International expressing satis-faction with the release of political prisoners was given front-page treatment in the Afghan press.

However, Mr Karmal's cam-paign for respectability has a long way to go. The Brieish, French, German and Italian Ambassadors, who were recalled after the coup, are still absent. The American Embassy, which has been in the care of a Charge d'Affaires since the murder of the United States Ambassador during the previous regime, is unlikely to uperade its political representation in the near future.

Most Western embassies, in-cluding the British, flew their national flags at half mast this week when the new Afghan Government railed a "day of mourning" in memory of those who were murdered under Mr Amin's rule. But the British did not sign the Government's offi-cial book of condolences on the ground that this would consti-tute recognition of Mr Karmal's

with Saudi Arabia,

Britain's biggest arms market.
But it admitted yesterday
that all are bere under an
agreement with the present

Tehran rulers, who have peid in advance for the courses in

accordance with the usual

Government demand. Mr Kilroy-Silk, who has

accused the Government of "gross hypocrisy" has mean-while complained that the ministry has refused to deal

with any more questions on the

subject in the House of Com-mons. This means that he and

others who wish to pursue it, will have to seize the oppor-

tunity to put supplementary questions to the Prime Minister

during question time.

The Ministry of Defence would not confirm yesterday that six of the Iranians are cadets at the Royal Naval Col-

lege, Darmouth, or name the locations of the others. This,

said the spokesman, was confidential matter

### Paul McCartney arrested in Tokyo grams (802) of marijuana worth 600,000 yen (£1,116) were confiscated. The Narconics Control officers questioned him for about an control of the control of ney, the former Beatle, was

Paul McCartney, in handcuffs, is led away by police.

arrested by customs officers when he arrived at Tokyo air-port from New York for a tour with his group Wings, and later questioned by Narcotics Control

OVERSEAS.

A customs spokesman said Mr McCartney and his suitcase were searched and about 220

hour and said the questioning would continue tomorrow. They gave no details.

concerts have been sold, repre-senting a possible loss of well over 100m yen (£186,000), music industry sources said. The Japanese promoters said they would decide tomorrow whether to cancel the 11 performances scheduled by Mr Mc.

### Beit Bridge troops defended By Hugh Noyes

Parliamentary Correspondent,

Sir Ian Gilmour, the Lord Privy Seal, and principal spokesman in the Commons on spokesman in the commons on foreign affairs, came under intense pressure yesterday to take action over the South African troops that Lord Soames has agreed should remain in Southern Rhodesia to guard the Beit Bridge.
That decision has met with criticism from the Patriotic Front and from the front-line Presidents as a breach of the Lancaster House agreement and of assurances given to Perliament by Sir Ian and Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secre-

Sir Ian was clearly not sitogether at ease over the situa-tion as Mr Peter Shore, Oppo-sition spokesman on foreign affairs reminded him that a insisting that the number is substantially smaller than it was under the Shah when Iyan

specific pledge was given that no foreign forces would be allowed to remain in Rhodesia.

While agreeing that the Beit insisting that the number is Bridge was a crucial installation and must be properly protected, it did not make sense, in the interest of good will and of building up trust,

> South African forces. He suggested that the task could be done by using Rhode-sian security forces or by any Commonwealth or other force available.

to allow it to be guarded by

From the Liberal benches. Mr David Steel, the party leader, said that the use of South African troops to guard the bridge was a provocative irritant in an otherwise totally successful ceasefire solution. He urged the Government to look again at this.

There also appeared to be some disquiet on the Tory benches. Mr Peter Emery, Conservative MP for Honiton, said that this seemed a small prob-lem but it had been built up to major proportions. He suggested that a Common-

wealth force might guard the bridge since the matter was being vastly exaggerated in the eyes of many black people. But Sir Ian was outwardly un-moved by the protests. He could not accept that a small South African presence to defend the Beit Bridge amounted to ex-ternal interference. He told the House that there was a Com-monwealth force close to the bridge to monitor what went on

The matter was being greatly exaggerated and the Govern-ment was in touch with Lord Soames to ensure that there was no external intervention or involvement in Rhodesia.

Sir Ian pointed out that there was only a small detachment of South African troops just across the border. The Governor decided that this small contingent was required to guard the bridge, which was half South African property. He reminded the House of the remarkable achievements" in

such a short time and congratu-lated all concerned—the Governor, the monitoring force, the Rhodesian forces and the Patiotic Front.

# Many refugees may not vote in Rhodesia

From Nicholas Ashford
Salisbury, Jan 16
A start is to be made during the next few days on the task of repetriating an estimated 200,000 Southern Rhodesian refugees who sought sanctuary in Mesambiana Zambia, Rotin Mozambique, Zambiz, Bot-cooperation with the Inter-swanz and countries further to the north during the last few Cross, the Rhodesian authoriyears of fighting.
It is already clear that by no means all the refugees will be

back in Rhodesia by the time elections are held in February. At the moment a repatriation, programme of about 10,000 people a week is envisaged which means that about 60,000 will have returned by polling

No provision is being made for voting to take place out-side Rhodesia. For this reason the United Nations High Com-mission for Refugees (UNHCR), who is responsible for organiz-ing the repatriation programme is to give priority to people of

rewa, leader of the United Afri-Soames, the Governor, since his can National Council (Uanc), return to Rhodesia last Sunday. can National Council (Uanc), today expressed "grave con-cern" over the fact that the returning refugees would not have to undergo normal immigration procedures. He claimed this could lead to widespread infilmation by Zam-

bians and Mozambicans with instructions to vote for the Patriocic Front guerrilla alliance. According to Mr Nicholas Morris, an Australian member of the UN Commission who is to supervise the repatriation process, the returning refugees will have to complete a simple form giving details of their age, family and home areas. They would first be taken to reception areas just inside the Rhodesian border and later transferred temporary accommodation

mission, headed by Mr Abdou Ciss, the Commission's co-ordinator, has been in Rhodesia for the past week to prepare for the repatriation programme which will be carried out in ties and voluntary organiza-

The Commission has launched an appeal for \$22m (about £10m) to cover the cost of the programme, There are an esti-mated 120,000 refugees in Mozambique, about 60,000 in Zambia and more than 20,000 in Botswans.

The first refugees are due to arrive at the Tegwani mission near Plumtree, in the western area of Rhodesia; on Monday. It is also hoped that refugees will start moving by train and air from Zambia to Rhodesia

Meanwhile Mr Joshua Nkomo, voting age.

The return of the refugees which now calls itself simply that already become a contentious issue. Bishop Abel Muzo-The discussion, which dealt mainly with election matters but touched on the controversial issue of the actions of security force auxiliaries, was described as good-humoured and serious.

The British authorities in Rhodesia have been greatly impressed by the performance of Mr Nkomo and his party since the Lancaster House conference, particularly the conciliatory statements made by Mr Nkomo on his return.

Relations between the British and Zanu (PF), led by Mr Robert Mugabe, have not been

so cordial, particularly since resterday's statement by the Governor accusing elements of Zania, the military wing of Zanu of flouring the ceasefire.

### Mugabe guerrilla fires on three Western journalists From Our Own Correspondent rillas have assembled at the

Three Western correspon-

dents today narrowly escaped death when a guerrilla belonging to Mr Robert Mugabe's Zimbabwe African National Liberation Army (Zanla) opened fire on their car at point blank range.

The journalists—Mr Michael Farr of the Daily Tslegraph, Mr Gregory Jaynes of The New York Times and Mr Sean Kelly of the Voice of America were driving along a dirt road in the remote Sabi tribal trust land in

They were stopped by a group of armed Zanla guerrillas who asked them to identify themselves. However, after they explained who they were one of the guerrillas shouted at Mr Farr "British killers . . . kill the British" and opened fire. Mr Kelly, who was at the wheel, drove off. The guerrillas fired a fusillade of shots at the departing car but caused no They were stopped by a group departing car but caused no damage.
The incident illustrates the

driving along a dirt road in the remote Sabi tribal trust land in the east of southern Rhodesia, on their way to a guerrilla assembly area known as "fox-trot". About 6,000 Zanla guer-able number still at large

### Prisoner buys his own jail Ankara, Jan 16 .- A prisoner

Parliamentary report, page 4 | ing an unlicensed firearm.

Ankara, Jan 16.—A prisoner in the Anatolian province of Kayseri has become the owner of the jail where he is serving an 18-month sentence for carrying an unlicensed firearm.

The newspaper Gunapum said the man, Semsettin Semsettin Semsettin Semsettin paid 750,000 Turkish Lira (about £7,000) for the two-storey prison building in Incest. Mr Semsettin said: "I now feel really at home."—Reuter. The newspaper Gunardin

### EEC to let in Salisbury exports From Michael Hornsby the EEC grants special aid and

Brussels, Jan 16
Southern Rhodesia should be granted duty-free access to the EEC for the vast majority of its exports, which include in particular tobacco, coal and steel, EEC foreign ministers agreed here yesterday. This arrangement, similar to that granted to other overseas territories of member states,

would last for a year.

trade concessions to 58 develop-ing countries in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific. Duty-free access for its exports of flue-cured Virginia tobacco will be the most important aspect of the new agreement for Rhodesia. Tobaccogrowing employs some 20 per cent of the black Rhodesian workforce.

The Italians initially opposed Once Rhodesia became inde-pendent however, it could apply for full membership of the Lomé Convention, under which

tobacco, although the British maintained that this was of a different type and used in a different blend of cigarette. Italy was eventually appeased by an assurance that if its exby an assurance that if its exports within the Community
suffered as a result of allowing
Rhodesian tobacco in, measures
would be taken to compensate Italian growers.
The European Commission

today approved the grant of \$4m (£1.8m) towards United Nations aid for the repatriation of Rhodesian refugees from neighbouring countries.

# A World View: Arrigo Levi predicts a Soviet 'peace initiative'

# 'Limited détente' may Finlandize Europe

Before flying off in a helf- to halve

copter to inspect a refugee camp, Lord Carrington was given a crisp analysis of the military position by the corps commander, Lieutenant-General

Pakistan, he said, shared a border of 1,200 miles with Afghanistan, but its rough and mountainous terrain made it

difficult or even impossible to

The military danger, as the general sees it, is that when the

"campaigning season" started in April or May, the tribesmen

would start to make forays

across the border to harses the Russians. Hot pursuit was a recognized practice, and Russian

retaliation could lead to a deep

At a final press conference

in the elegant ballroom of the Governor's Residence, Lord

Carrington gave his impressions,

Britain would do what it could to help, ite said. "You know that Pakistan has the support of

Britain in its determination to maintain its own integrity and

independence as a nation,"

strike inside Pakistan.

before flying on to Delhi.

North West Province.

misdeeds in Afghanistan, in order to relax again in the

The same sources do not believe for one moment that Mos-cow will recall all its troops from Afghanistan, although some highly publicized withdrawals are to be expected as soon as the local military situa-tion will allow: this would take place simultaneously with a peace initiative addressed mostly to West European govrements, perhaps within the framework of preparations for the Madrid conference, on European cooperation later this

year.
The deep reluctance of Europeans to admit that detente is in serious trouble — which is understandable—has so far strengthened the Russians' belief that they can get away with the conquest of Afghanistan without any lasting damage to those aspects of detente which are most useful to them which are most useful to them — like Western credits and technological aid. Herr Willy Brandt and other

West European leaders of un-impeachable Atlantic faith are iving voice to the belief that reasons. Europe can and must save detente by its own efforts, at the cost of following a somewhat different course from the United States. Of course, it would be a reduced "regional détente", limited to Europe and to some strategic agree-ments. Détente, it is claimed, is not indivisible: if it is in

negotiation is best ".

negotiation is best."

Being personally convinced that there is no real alternative to détente if we want to avoid a nuclear war, believing that there was real greatness in the Kissinger design for détente leading to interdependence and cooperation, and that détente not only must but can

Europe. Secondly, it extends the prin-

get bank our kleine detente

makes any kind of detente
impossible if it is not resisted,
and for two fundamental

in the near future the economic and political balance of power

According to East European sources, the Soviet leadership is convinced that the West will soon forgive and forget Soviet two superpowers hear the voice sible. Afghanistan is much

ence and cooperation, and that détente not only must but can be rebuilt, and on a grander scale, I still deeply mistrust this emerging design for a regional, European détente, and fear that it will lead to no détente at all, but rather to the Finlandization of Europe. It is true that "central" détente, between the Sovier Union and the United States as well as between the two halves well as between the two halves of Europe, can survive some peripheral confrontations and conflicts: this we know by experience. But I think that the Soviet conquest of Afghanistan—which we would be expected to accept and ratify in order to see bard or the state of the sta

First, it threatens to destroy through Soviet domination of oil-producing areas, whose inde-pendence is indispensable for the survival and independence of Western democracies in

of (European) reason and understand that the road of

ambinious, and shows that it has the will and means to support How can a Little European detente survive under those conditions? European reluctance to admit that it cannot is, of course, understandable: if the President of the United States, having as his advisers such knowledgeable memors as such knowledgeable memors as Mr Brezzinski, Mr Shulman and Mr Vance, now admits to having suddenly changed his view of Soviet global policy, there is no reason to be surprised if Western European public opinion still refuses to accept that the present Soviet view of detente is a very selfish one, which needs to be firmly one, which needs to be firmly

crats cannot easily abandon, in an election year, their rightly cherished Ostpolitik; Italian governments cannot ignore Com-munist views; the French can-not forget their "special rela-tionship" with Russia. Once again, only the British instinc-tively react like the Americans. Still, if a strategy aiming at sening up a little, regional detente were to become the policy of Western the return to real

détente would become more rather than less difficult. Europe were to adapt itself quickly to the new rules of the worse than Prague 1968: it pro-vides the missing link between the theory of Russia's "inter-nationalistic duty" and the theory of "limited sove-reignty". The most absolute imperialism in history pro-claims with deeds its universal ambitions and shows that it has game as proposed by the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, it would only encourage further expansionist adventures, which would in the end lead to a fatel

Chairman Huo Guoseng recently told some Italian visitors to Peking that "after all, there may be no Third World War, since Russia can win it without making it". It may be so, but I believe instead (and I quote Dr Henry Kissinger) that "America is too primitive and rough to be beaten without knowing it".

A limited, purely European kleine detente could well be a recipe for unlimited disaster. European detente would fail, European détente would fail just as Mr Brzezinski's and Mr Carter's "limited strategic detente, as theorized until the ienna summit meeting, also

I think the Europeans are

right to proclaim that global detents, in the dangerous world of the 30s, is more necessary than ever, and that they must devise, together with America, a common strategy of counter measures, pressures, blandish-ments and negotiations to win it back. But they will not reach this aim if they allow the Rus-sians to become convinced that they can separate weak Western Europe from America, and if they condone the Russian con-quest of Afghanistan, with all it implies for the future.

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### America finds strong support for sanctions

From Our Own Correspondent Brussels, Jan 16 There is strong support among

Nato countries for restricting sales of high rechnology goods and taking other trade sanctions against the Soviet Union as a penalty for the Russian intervention in Afghanistan, according to senior American Sources here.
In remarks to American

journalists last night before leaving Brussels for Bonn, Mr Warren Christopher, the United Warren Caristopher, the United States Deputy Secretary of State, said he had been particularly pleased by the "determination on the part of the allies not to undercur steps" taken by America against the Soviet Union

This determination, according This determination, according to American sources, holds good not just for the partiel United States embargo on grain exports to the Soviet Union, which the EEC promised publicly yesterday not to replace either "directly or indirectly", but also for any other reprisals that might be taken

President Carter has sunounced new restrictions on the sale of high technology goods to the Soviet Union, but

goods to the Soviet Union, but so far there has been no com-parable or complementary comparable of complementary com-minment from the European side, though EEC foreign ministers said yesterday that they would examine the pos-sibility of restricting commer-cial credits to the Soviet Union. Senior American sources, however, are confident that there will be agreement within the next few weeks on a new and expanded list of high technology items that are prohibited

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China has sex equality by law, but attitudes

still take a long time to change

# Britain and Chile to restore diplomatic relations to the level of ambassadors

Britain and Chile are to restore diplomatic relations to of human rights abuses by the the ambassadorial level. There military regime in Chile, the has been no ambassador in Santiago since early 1976 when the envoy was withdrawn in protest over the ill-treatment of for the Government to make its be Shails Cassidu Chila did not views known at the highest Dr Sheila Cassidy. Chile did not replace its departing ambassador in 1977. -

dor in 1977.

Dr Cassidy was arrested at a Roman Catholic monastery in Santiago in November, 1975, and accused by the Chilean Government of giving medical attention to leftist opponents of General Augusto Pinochet, who were then in hiding. She was held for two months, tortured and then expelled.

tured and then expelled.
The Foreign Office said last night that consideration had been given to all aspects of relations between the two countries. It was considered that it was no longer in Britain's interests not to be represented in Santiago. The Government's view was that the posting of an ambassador in any country did not indicate support for or approval of any particular

regime. Noting that Britain had

Robbers ask

from victims

The general managers of Hongkong's leading hotels have received a "friendly" warning, signed (but without address) by "The Hongkong Hotel Robbery Corporation".

"Hongkong robbers are a very gentle lot who don't mean to hurr anyone", the note said. "And if hotel residents would just cooperate with their efforts to make a living, everyone would be saved a lot of unnecessary trouble.

"We wish to request your cooperation to advise all customers in your hotel not to risk their lives in struggling with robbers in your premises.

"Advise them that the rob-

bers want only their money and property, and never have the

intention of wounding or killing them. But if your customers struggle and cry for help, the robbers will have no alternative but to kill them.

"Hongkong robbers are very sensible and gentle", the note says. "Next time we rob your hotel guests we hope that by then you will have got this message across to them. We do not

want to see a repetition of what has been happening

From Richard Hughes

Hongkong, Jan 16

for help

views known at the highest

Aware of the controversy the long-expected decision is likely to provoke, the Foreign Office said that the Government did not regard the case of Dr Cassidy as closed, nor that of Mr William Beausire, an Anglo-Chilean with a British pass-port, who disappeared some years ago and is widely thought to have died at the hands of

the Chilean security police. The decision to restore relations with Chile has been raken with the full knowledge of the United States which has its own long-running dispute with the Chilean Government over the murder of Senor Orlando Letelier, the former Chile-in Poreign Foreign Minister, who killed in Washington.

The Chilean Covernment has consistently refused to estradite two agents of Dina, the former

Joined in December in the name for the Chilean secret United Nations condemnation police, which the United States wants to put on trial in the

Letelier case Whitehall last night made it clear that the improvement in Britain and Chile would bring no change in the policy on the sale of arms. Weapons already contracted for would be delivered, however.

The Foreign Office also announced last night the closure because of the deterioration in internal security there and the high cost of maintaining adequate protection for the em-

On Tuesday guerrillas of the Popular League of February 28 released unharmed the ambassadors of Panama and Costa Rica whom they had been bolding for four days.

Britain's affairs in El Salvador will benceforth be handled through the embassy in a neighbouring country, as yet unnamed. The British community of 200 in the country will be serviced by the honorary vice-consul, Mr W. H. J. Chip-

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the plan at the United Nations

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The new Syrian Government commics the following.

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with the aim of giving Swapo bases, but the amendments erly: Muhammad rejected by Pretoria and

### **Technocrats** conspicuous in Syria's new Cabinet

THE TIMES THURSDAY JANUARY 17 1980

Assad of Syria today swore into office a new 37-member Gov-ernment formed against a background of widespread violence

of sharp opposition to American-sponsored moves for a Middle East settlement. Most appointments reflect a strong emphasis on domestic

tion and inefficiency in the economy.

Diplomats here said that the appointment of Major-General Nasir al-Din Nasir as Minister

120 people dead since June.

In September, Syria's political leaders promised to stamp out corruption and overhaul the state machinery. The Cabinet reshuffle was preceded

bloodless coup almost 10 years

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# Namibia commander leading to independence. General Chand will have to

South African officials are awaiting clarification of reports from the United Nations that Lieutenant-Genreal Prem Chand of India has been summoned urgently to New York for talks on his appointment as commander appointment as commander-designate of the United Nations "Namibia task force".

detailed discussions on the pro-posal for a demilitarized zone between Namibia and Angola have been held with Major-General Hannes Philipp of Austria, who was widely expected to become command. expected to become command-er of the United Nations force

He will find that a wide gulf still exists between the con-cepts of it held by South Africa and the Namibia political parties on the one hand, and the South-West Africa Peo-Instructions to "set to work ple's Organization (Swapo) and

Of the remaining disputed issues, which it is assumed General Chand will take up, the higgest barrier to progress in the past two years has been the Swapp claim for bases in-side Namibia. The appointment has caused South Africa accepted the original Western settlement proposal in April, 1978. Subsequently, changes were made in

Cuts may harm English publishers' sales abroad

# Russia ready to fill textbook gap

The note followed a recent hotel-room robbery which left a German tourist in a critical

Storm grounds airline's fleet From Our Correspondent Johannesburg, Jan 16

condition.

Twelve of South African Airway's fleet of 36 aircraft have been grounded after being badly damaged by a freak hall storm which swept the Johan-nesburg area last night.

Hailstones bigger than match-boxes rained down on Jan Smuts airport forcing the Smuts airport forcing the immediate cancellation of half a dozen domestic flights. In six hours more than 2.5in of rain was measured at the airport.

Dr Kobus Laubscher, the general manager of SAA, said today that domestic flights would be disrupted for at least a week. Pool partners would absorb the airline's passengers booked on overseas flights. SAA has asked the Boeing AA has asked the Boeing Aircraft Corporation urgently to supply spare parts and Dr Laubscher said experts were being flown to South Africa to help repair the damaged aircraft.

Correction

A photograph accompanying a report yesterday on President Tito's condition was that of Mr Lazar Kolisevski, the Yugoslav Vice-President, not Mr Stevan Doronjski, Chairman of the Praesidium.

British Cabiner ministers everything on India's dis- libraries throughout the world, would no doubt hate to think memberment (i.e. partition) in which made an estimated three their decisions were helping to order to maintain their hold million loans last year and

spread the use of cut-price on the country.

Soviet text books, translated into English, in developing countries like India. But that, Book Development Council, believes the British Council's promotion of the British Brirish publishers believe, would be a likely result of further cuts in the British Coun-cil's overseas activities in the language is a trading asset for British industry as a whole, as well as for the publishing fields of English language teaching and book promotion.
A cut of 11.5 per cent in the industry, whose exports exceed

£250m a year. Council grants in aid for the year 1980-81 has already been annouced, resulting inter alia "It is very professional, hard-nosed, and enormously appreciated", he said. He pointed out that his firm now sold more in a 44 per cent reduction in books and periodicals for British Council libraries overthan film worth of English-language text books 2 year in Latin America alone, and deplored the cuts being made seas, a 20 per cent reduction in funds for book promotion, and the withdrawal of English teach-

there.

The British Council promotes
British books abroad through
three schemes apart from its
teaching activities. Perhaps the
most important is the lowpriced books scheme, set up in
1960 and since copied by America and Japan, among others. Under this, more than 20 million selected British text books for universities and colleges have been sold in developing countries for the colleges and colleges have been sold in developing countries for the colleges and colleges that the countries for the colleges and countries for the colleges and colleges that the colleges are considered.

Japanese too are moving in, between a quarter and a half of the normal British price. This scheme, around which the curricula of some univermainly with cheap medical textmainly with cheap medical textbooks in English.

The Russians have a book
centre in Delhi selling about
700 titles in English, costing
in many cases only 60p for 600
pages, ranging from science to
English classics. One gem on
offer there is A History of
India in two volumes by K.
Antonova, G. Bongard-Levin sicies are built, costs £1.6m in the current year (from funds administered by the Overseas Development Agency), and is thought to be under threat. Its loss would. Mr Rix believes, cause chaos in many universities and open the door to rivals. Antonova, G. Bongard-Levin and G. Kotovsky, price just over £1, which claims, for The British Council also ad-

regard these libraries as one of their best shop windows. The British Council is looking

The British Council is looking for ways of reducing the planned 40 per cent cut.

Finally, the council's book promotion department organizes roughly 250 book exhibitions a year.

British Council representatives overseas, often from regions untrodden by publishers, supply invaluable information about educational, legal and fiscal chauges and of new educational institutions in their area. These are colin their area. These are col-lated by the Publishers' Asso-ciation and sent to members in the magazine Export News. Remain's two main European trading rivals seem to have no doubts about the value of cui-

tural relations. According to the British Council, the West Germans spend up to five times asmuc h as Britain in this field, and recently announced a 30 per cent increase in expendi-ture. While the British are cutting their budget by 11 per cent, the French, who spend an esumated three times as much as the British, are increasing

theirs by 12 per cens.

Meanwhile German, Dutch and Scandinavian publishers are beginning to produce books for export in English. Any further cuts in British Council activities will be good news to them, as well as to the Americans and Russians.

# Surprise at choice of

Johannesburg, Jan 16

Instructions to "set to work immediately" and to visit Africa at the end of Jonuary for talks in South Africa, Angola, Zambia and Namibia (South-West Africa) are said to be awaiting him after a year of deadlock over independence plans for the territory.

some surprise in Pretoria, as

Damascus, Jan 16 .- President and economic discontent in the

The team comprises 23 members who have never before held ministerial posts, including Dr Abdul-Rauf Kassem, the Prime Minister. Nearly half the ministers are young technocrats chosen to introduce long-promised internal reforms. The key Foreign, Defence and Information portfolios remain unchanged, a clear sign that Syria is to continue its policy.

affairs after a campaign in the state-run press against corrup-

of the Interior was likely to foreshadow new efforts to stop a wave of assassinations and violence which have left about

by a two-week national con-gress of the ruling Arab Baath Socialist Party which contribu-ted 18 of the new ministers. The Congress reelected President
Assad as secretary-general of
the party, a post he has held
since coming to power in a

The way to equality is through education and persuasion not legal intervention. Where, for instance, an employer

discriminates against his women employees, or in hiring women, "he is criticized by the Women's Federation, and public opinion is against him...he dare not continue to discriminate.". There does not, however, seem to be any formal reverse discrimination in employment, or in education, although it is admitted that the academic achievement of men are greater than those of women. But if genuine sex equality is still not within reach, women benefit from a wide

range of protective measures, in particular during menstruation, pregnancy, child-birth and breast-feeding. For example, factories are obliged to give women time off if they are having painful menstrua-tion, and one hour u day off is allowed for breast-feeding, for up to a year. "Women have a double burden. They bear children and they work as men. They bear children and they work as men. They bear children and they work as men. They

There is also a campaign to try to reduce household and child-care duties. "We do not have the labour-saving devices you have in the West, we were told, "and so we have to encourage husbands to share some of the household chores; and more child-care services must be provided by

the community."

Although the Women's Federation claims that single women are not discriminated against, there are obvious difficulties with obtaining single accommodation, and there is virtually no sexual freedom for women. Pre-marital sex is frowned upon and carries with it a strong social stigma, while an illegitimate child can be placed in care, and there are severe i financial sanctions for the parents.

There is also no pre-marital contracep-tion advice. When a couple are granted a licence to marry, they are given a lecture on methods of contraception. For many women, in the almost total absence of discussion about sex in the home, this lecture is their first piece of "sex education". Contraception is free or cheap.
The Pill is not used to any great extent, in
China, but, in contrast with the European
experience, increasing faith is being placed in the contraceptive injection, which is effective for 21 months. The coil is the

most popular contraceptive device.

But if advice on contraception is occasionally inadequate, there is, to compensage, abortion on demand, however ong into the pregnancy, provided the doctor regards it as safe. All those measures are, of course, part of the campaign for small, preferably one-child families, as recently described by Charles Douglas-Home (The Times, & December.

China is at present in the throes of drawing up a new code of marriage and divorce. The minimum marriage age is certainly going to be raised, perhaps with variations between different regions, probably to between 25 and 27 for men, and 23 to 25 for women. Divorce may be made easier, although it is already virtually on demand where both parties genuinely seek it. The new laws may play a part in furthering the equal status of women, but in the long term it is the attitude of the Chinese man that will have to change, and that may take a long time, whatever the

Marcel Berlins Legal Correspondent

# New masters and old



described the position.

### Shona Crawford Poole

A perfectly cooked dish is a rare pleasure. Such a dish was the yeal kidney in a three mus-tard sauce I ate at Le Gavroche, one of the only four restaurants in the British Isles given two

Of course, one expects a very good dinner in a place with that pedigree, but the kidneys that pedigree, but the kidneys were, there is no other word for it, exquisite. They were rosy inside and perfectly tender. The sauce was smooth, shiny, and plainly rich in wine, cream and softly flavoured French mustards. And there was mystery, too. Why did kidney so lightly cooked not bleed, even a little, into the sauce? There was nothing for sauce? There was nothing for it but to ask, though not at the time because that would have spoiled the occasion.

leges of writing this column that one can request not just a recipe, but a demonstration. So I returned to the restaurant to seep an appointment with Chef

Ronay.

His kitchen is small, hot, noisy and highly organized. An hour before the first diners arrive and first orders are shoused, there was a busy clatter of preparation. Bowls, dishes and pots of ingredients were set in place, ovens on, and stocks simmering.

rarragon—with more salt and kidney is undercooked.

freshly ground white pepper.

Returning to the kidney, Chef add 15 g (\frac{1}{2} \text{ oz) of the butter}

a warm oven for no longer than a minute, A look beneath the sieve showed that blood and fat had drained from the kidney, which explained why the sauce would not be spoilt when the wine and boil the mixture that the wine and boil the mixture that we will be the wine and boil the mixture that we will be the wine and boil the mixture that we will be the wine and boil the mixture that we will be the wine and boil t

them together for a moment or two, wiped the serving dish, and poured the sauce-coated kidney into it. Taking a mixture of very finely chopped parsley and chives, he sprinkled a little on top for colour and it was done. it was done.

10 minutes to prepare, and when I had recovered from the shock of seeing the richness of the ingredients that made up the sauce, I tasted it. Delicious, just right, just how I remembered it. Now I knew why I had not been able to contemplate a pudding the previous time.

Trying the recipe at home-

So with my heavy frying pan,

veau aux trois moutardes in the fashion of Le Gavroche. Veal kidney in three-mustard Serves two.

2 tablespoons rendered kidney suet or clarified butter

150 ml (3 pint) dry white wine 150 ml (4 pint) veal stock 150 ml (1 pint) double cream 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard 2 teaspoons moutarde de Meaux I teaspoon tarragon mustard

parsley and chives, mixed Put the serving dish in a cool oven (140°C, 275°F, gas mark

Cut the kidney into bite-sized pieces and trim off any bits of suet and the white core. Heat

be fierce, but not so hot as to burn the butter which would aqi it has redi to about 4 tablespoons. Add the and 7.5cm (3in) long. Core, skin stock and continue boiling until and cut the kidneys into six

until it has reduced to about

the warmed serving dish and reheat in the oven for about one minute. Now add the kidney to the sauce and stir together for a minute or two, still making sure the sauce does not boil. Pour the mixture into the warmed dish and sprinkle with herbs. Serve immediately with lightly buttered flat noodles or

wrote: "There is nothing more simple and yet more difficult for those without experience than the making of English steak pies, puddings and their derivatives. The reason for this is that once the dish has been made up and cooked there is very little that can be done to correct any mistakes made with rect any mistakes made with the seasoning, the quantity of liquid used or the cooking time."

Quite so.

Escoffier, whose other views on one of our national dishes may be treated with proper caution on account of his being French, included a small amount of onion and a pinch of numeg in his beef-steak and kidney pudding. He seems also. on occasion, to have used filler

too numerous to evaluate. Some call for stewing steak and many for rump. Some have the meat

A steak and kidney pudding

170g (6oz) shredded beef suet 1 teaspoon salt Water to mix Remove all the skin and fat from the steak and cut it into

> and cut the kidneys into six pieces each. Beat the strips of steak with a rolling pin to flatten them, then dip each strip. into seasoned flour and roll it up round a piece of kidney.
> Sift the flour into a mixing bowl, add the suet and salt and mix lightly together. Sprinkle

the mixture with water, mix-lightly with a fork, and con-tinue adding water and mixing until it makes a dough which will just hold together. Sift a little flour over it and roll the dough out lightly on a floured board to a thickness of about 1cm (lin).

Line a well-buttered 1 litre (2 pint) pudding basin with the dough, trimming the surplus from the edge and rolling it into a circle for the top. Arrange the meat in the basin and pour in enough stock to come about two thirds of the way up the meat. Fold the dough lining which is proud of the meat towards the centre of the basin and dampen the edge. Top with the circle of dough. and press down well to seal. Cover the bowl with buttered

greaseproof paper and foil which have been folded together to make a 2.5 cm (1 in) pleat across the diameter of the bowl and tie down firmly with string.
Stand the pudding in a large

saucepan and pour in boilingwater to come about half way up the sides of the bowl. Bring back to the boil and simmer for about 3 hours being careful that the water does not go off the boil or the saucepan boil dry. Add boiling water as necessary to bring up the level. Serve the pudding in its basin

with a clean cloth pinned round it. Just before serving it, cut a small round hole in the top and pour in a little of the remaining stock.

My thanks to all the readers who provided proper names for the bitter red lettuce mentioned two weeks ago. It is best known simply as radicchio for its membership of the chicory family. It can also be found under the names radicchio trevisano. cicoric rosse, or translated, red treviso chicory.

Escarole, another winter salad stuff I mentioned, is also found under other names of which Batavian endive and round-leaved endive are the most common.

For a source of cultivated dandelion leaves imported from France I am grateful to Mr Antony Worral-Thompson, head chef of Brinkley's restaurant in London. It is regularly stocked by wholesale and retail greengrocer Robert Bruce, of 19 James Street, Covent Garden, London WC2.

### Wave of pirate brutality sweeps Thai waters has been studying piracy in the refugees have now recounted, Gulf of Thailand said the once on board the unsuspecting brutality of the pirate attacks boats their brutality paralyses Bangkok, Jan 16

Thailand has only three patrol vessels of the south-east coast to counter increasing attacks by pirates who are estimated to have killed thousands of Viennamese boat refugees and That fishermen in the past

18 months.
That officials and representatives of the international aid agencies say the murder of almost 200 refugees in the past two months has been estab-lished beyond doubt.

Most of the pirates are Thai fishermen. Only seven have so far been arrested and accused of of raping 35 Vietnamese women and killing 16 of them on Kra Island, 40 miles off the

coast, in November. An American diplomat who

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Showcoms open Mon. Sat. Parking CLARKE GROUP (Dept 2D) Lower Clapton Rd London E5 0QR 01-986 8231 Telez 897784 was beyond human comprehen-sion. About 100 pirates raped an eight-year-old girl in one week on Kra early this month.

prominent among countries.

Prominent among countries poised to fill any vacuum left by Britain are the Soviet Union, the United States and Japan, according to Mr Tony Read, director of the Book Development Council of the Publishers,

ment Council of the Publishers' Association in London. Last year, it is feared, American books outsold British ones in

India for the first time. The

ing staff from nine countries.

That followed an attack on three boats with 191 Viet-namese on board by pirates who clubbed the men and threw them overboard, and then towed the refugee boats to Kra where the women and children were pushed into the

jungle. For the next week they hunted and raped them at will, other pirates arrived to join in

the sport.
Pirates have made coastal islands their bases for operations across the South China Sea. The prospect of gold and women among the Vietnamese boat people has multiplied their numbers recently. The pirate boats are armed

guns mounted on deck, auto-matic rifles and grenade and rocket launchers.
At first sight they are welcomed as helpful fishermen by the refugee boats which are

their victims with fear.

Men are clubbed and cast

into the sea to drown. Nobody is spared the search for gold.

If a gold ring does not slip
off a finger the pirates take the finger too.

Tourists in a number of Asian

cities have been offered Vietnamese girls captured by pirates. According to Asiaweek, the Hongkong-based magazine, large numbers have been sold into virtual slavery and, too ashamed to seek help, they appear resigned to their fate. United Nations refugee officials are investigating the

case of a 19-year-old refugee from Ho Chi Minh City sold to a brothel in Hat Yai, southern Thailand.

Thi Truong Nguyen paid
\$2,500 (£1,136) for a place in a loss of oil from a tanker at sea not far from Bangker last The parate books are stated. Five days out pirates attacked July. They often destroy beaand after stripping all passen-gers threw Thi and three other run aground on hidden reefs girls on to the pirate boat. They never saw their own vessel

the retugee users which are the parales repeatenly local points and the navy into often sinking or in other raped the girls during the three- action to stop pirate attacks trouble, but as thousands of day voyage to the Thai coast. on refugees. Eleven pirates repeatedly

Thi was driven from there to Hat Yai where she says she was sold to a massage club for \$200 or \$250.

When she refused to join the staff, she claims, she was kept under lock and key and slashed with a razor. She says she then decided to accept her fate until she had enough money to buy a

That authorities say they have evidence that the pirate gangs are now highly organized with wealthy and influential men in the south. A gang operating from Elephant Island, off Trat Pro-vince, captured 26 fishing boats and killed 450 of their crew in six months.
One crew suspected of piracy

was recently arrested while trying to sell gold bars worth

United Nations officials in southern Thailand are urging local police and the navy into

# Ronay tipped it into a heated to the pan, and when it froths, 340g (120z) self-raising flour serving dish and popped it into add the shallot. The heat should 170g (60z) shredded beef suct



We cannot reverse thousands of years of

feudalistic practices in only 30 years of revolution, the official from the Women's Federation of China admitted. The Chinese, too, are finding that equal rights

translated into practical effect. The con-stitution is unambiguous: "Women enjoy

stantion is unambiguous: "women enjoy equal rights with men in all spheres of political, economic, cultural, social and family life. Men and women enjoy equal pay for equal work. Men and women shall marry of their own free will. The state protects marriage, the family, and the mother and child."

But attitudes do not change that easily.

At the Children's Palece in Shanghai, a centre where particularly gifted children can receive special tuition, the classes

teaching technical drawing and the con-struction of television sets did not contain

a single girl. The explanation given was that "girls prefer to do things like embroidery and cooking, and anyway when

they reach the age of 24 all they think about is getting married". 'The Women's Federation, an official

government organ, has the tesk of recon-ciling policy with reality. The message of equality is getting home, though slower than the federation would wish. For

instance, in 1954, nearly 12 per cent of deputies to the National People's

Congress—the supreme law-making body— were women. The figure is now 21 per cent. But as the level of responsibility

gets higher, the proportion of women in

senior decision-making positions decreases.
"It is like a pyramid. There are many

women in charge in the neighbourhood or factory, but very few participate in running the country", a federation official

stars by the Michelin Guide.

It is one of the real privi-

stocks simmering. Chef Ronay ran a little rendered kidney suet into the

pottom of a copper saute pan bottom of a copper saute pan and set it on a fierce heat. When the fat was smoking he threw in a handful of bite-sized pieces of kidney and a pinch of sea salt. They were stirred about a bit, and when just cooked on the outside, the kidney and cooking fat were tipped into a sieve near the stove.

For the sauce everything was measured by eye. A knob of butter was melted in the same pan and shallors, chopped as

pan and shallors, chopped as finely as garlic, cooked until transparent. A slosh of white wine, a ladle of fonds de veau, fine veal stock, and a generous amount of double cream were each added and reduced in turn. Then lowering the heat, he added an enormous knob of butter and shook the pan to incorporate it and thicken the sauce. Lastly, he put in the mustards—Dijon, Meaux and

To finish the dish he added the kidney to the sauce, shook

It had taken no more than

the second attempt was much closer to the original—confirmed that it was not quite as easy as the good Chef Ronay's effortless demonstration had made it look, and that cutting corners does not pay. In this instance a stock cube just will not do.

wooden spoon and temerity, allow me to present rognons de sauce

Sea salt 2 tablespoons very finely chopped shallot 55g (2 oz) unsalted butter

Freshly ground white pepper to taste ' I tablespoon finely chopped

the rendered suct or clarified butter in a saute pan or heavy frying pan until it is smoking hot. Tip in the prepared kidney and a pinch of salt and fry quickly, stirring to cook the pieces on all sides. As soon as the kidney is sealed on the out-side and still pink in the middle, rip the pieces and their cook-ing fat into a sieve and leave them to drain over a bowl while von make the sauce. A fair amount of blood will drain out, too, but this does not mean the

the liquid has again reduced to about 4 tablespoons. Now add the cream, allow the sauce to return to the boil and cook it

150 ml (1 pint). Lower the heat, and from now on do not allow the sauce to boil Add the remaining butter and allow it to melt, sturring to incorporate it smoothly and thicken the sauce. Stir in the mustards and season to taste with salt and freshly ground

white pepper.

Tip the drained kidney into

Still on the subject of kid-neys, but talking of dishes that are generally made best at home, the old master, Escoffier wrote: "There is nothing more

Variations on the recipe are

in cubes, some in strips beaten flat. Some call for onion some for none. Many add just water to make a gravy, a few prescribe stock. Mrs Beeton's recipe has a suet crust made with milk instead of the usual water. And then there is the school of thought that favours cooking the steak and kidney before enclosing it in the crust. To add my own fourpennyworth of preference, I like the mild flavour of lambs' kidneys better than pungent ox kidney .

Serves four

570g (14lb) rump steak 2 lambs' kidneys

tablespoons of seasoned flour 300ml (1 pint) good beef stock Boxing

on Mothers'

Alan Minter will meet Vito

Adan Minter will meet vito Antuofermo, of Italy, for the world middleweight title at Caesar's Palace, Las Vegas, on March 16. Minter, aged 28, who vacated his European title to concentrate on the world crown, can expect a fee of around £50,000.

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His manager, Doug Bidwell, said: "We are greatly relieved to have a confirmed date. In the

last few weeks there have been all sorts of suggestions, but now

oore than warm-ups, said 'Zanon's the European cham

plon."

If he beats Zanon, Holmes will meet Leroy Jones, of the United States, in late March, and if he wits that one will face the World Boxing Association title holder, John Tate, in September.

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# Greenwood's men spared the worst

By Norman Fox

Football Correspondent

Having qualified for their first important international competition in 10 years, England naturation in the north of their her emphasized that matches in the north of their her emphasized that matches country at Mian and Turin, for against Belgium and Spain could be the property of the property By Norman Fox Football Correspondent Having qualified for their first important international competition in 10 years, England naturally hoped to begin next summer's European Championship in Italy against one of the less powerful nations. In that respect they were favoured by yesterday's draw which aligned them with Eelgium in the first match on June 12 in Turia, but it also placed them in the group of the Italian hosts.

There being no easy passage to a final in which the winners of two groups of four countries will play in Rome on June 22, England were, prepared for the worst, which some would have considered to be grouped to the saids. which some would have consul-ered to be group matches against West Germany and the Nether-lands: They have been spared that and join Italy, Spain and Belgium in the second group. The other group comprises West Germany, the Netherlands, Czechoślovakia and Greece.

There is something to be said for meeting the Italians in the group rather than in the final, but that is to look further ahead than that is to look further ahead than is prudent when considering England's failures of the last decade. If they are to support the views of their manager, Ron Greenwood, who believes them to be "at least the fourth best team in Europe" they will need to begin strongly, against Belgium, and finish well against the next World Cup hosts, Spain, in Naples on June 18.

The mark with Italy comes in

on June 18.

The match with Italy comes in the middle of the programme on June 15 in Turin. As the Italians finish their group programme with a game against the unpredictable Belgians in Rome, the meeting with England will almost certainly decide who goes into the final. Although England will play with the dark memory of having lost a World Cup final competition place to the Italians, they now have the advantage of being much more widely respected, not least by the Italians who lost

Campbell faces

The Fulbam manager. Bobby Campbell, once thought likely to succeed Danny Blanchflower at neighbouring Chelsea, now finds his job at Craven Cottage in jeopardy. After Fulham joined the procession of London clubs aliding out of the FA Cup in teams from lower divisions, beaten 1—0 by Blackburn, many of Fulham's second lowest FA Cup crowd of just over 5,000 stayed behind to chant: "Campbell out."

Mr Campbell said: "I have got to bry and find young players and educate them. Fulham cannot afford to splash money about."

To prove that not even comparative success can be any insurance, Alliance Premier League club Northwich Victoria have parted company with their manager, Ray Williams, despite a run in the FA Cup that ended when they were beaten by Wigan Athletic from the fourth division.

The Chariton manager, Mike Bailey, is considering his future after being told to hand over team selection to the former manager, Andy Nelson. Mr Bailey has been told to concentrate on coaching.

Tuesday's results

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country, at Milan and Turin, for although that was their choice, they are aware of the critical nature of demanding followers. A poor result against Spain in Milan on June 12 could rouse a hostile reaction and work in favour of England three days later. The Italian team have already been criticized for the style of their play in friendly matches. Unlike England, they have not been subjected to the sharpening of qualifying games.

Mr Greenwood's first reaction was pleasure at avoiding an early game with Italy but he added: "I the numbers, and Spain could not be described as "easy". However, England are fortunate to have a rehearsal for one of those group games when they play in Spain on March 26. The original plan was to test the water for the 1982 World Cup, but the subjected to the sharpening of qualifying games.

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Cup Winners' Cup

Quarter-final round Arsenal v Gothenburg. Barcelona v Valencia. Dinamo Moscow v Nantes. Rijeka v Juventus.

St Edenne v Borussia Mönchen-gladbach.

Kaiserlauten v Bayern Munich. VFB Stuttgart v Lokomotiv Sofia. Eintracht Frankfurt v Zbrojovka

final run in to the season when we hope to gain promotion."

Raphael Villazan, a Uruguayan international, is to have two days of talks and training with Wolverhampton Wanderers. A versaide defender. Villazan, aged 24, plays for Huelva, a Spanish second division side, who are reported to want £150,000 for him.

Aston Villa are leading the chase for Hans Krankl, Barcelong's unsettled striker and Austrian World Cup forward. With plenty of money left after the £2.5m sale of Andy Gray, John Gidman and John Deehan, Villa would like Krankl to join them for a trial period.

The club's European representa-tives have made preliminary moves. They will face competition from clubs on the Continent and Britain, including Arsenal.

Chesham 2: Maidenhead 6, Horsham 2: Ware I. Metropolitan Police 0,

League Cup Semi-final round, first leg

**Uefa Cup** Ouarter-final round

Draws for European competitions

Millwall are forced to sell

winger for £250,000

European championship
GROUP 1
GROUP 1: Crechoslovakia by Hungary v East Germany. Rome, June 11: Czechoslovakia v West Germany, Naples, June 11: Greece v Nether-European Cup

Rome, June 14: Czechosłovakia v Greece.

Naples, June 14: West Germany Netherlands.

Milan, June 17: Czechoslovakia v Necherlands.

Turin, June 17: West Germany v Gerece.

GROUP 2 Milan, June 12 : Spain v Italy. Turin, June 12 : Belgium England.
Milan, June 15: Spain v Belgium.
Turin, June 15: Italy v England.
Naples, June 18: Spain v England.
Rome, June 18: Italy v Belgium.
Naples, June 21: Play-off for
third place.
Rome, June 22: Final. England.

Under-21 championship Quarter-final round Czechoslovakia v Yugoslavia.

Kevin O'Callaghan, a winger, moved from Millwall to Inswich Town yesterday for 2250,000. The Road after the 18-year-olr Republic of Ireland international

Millwall, who are losing a lot of money each week, had to sell George Petchey, their manager, said. "I didn't want him to go at this time; but financially we are in dire straits and this had to happen. I am keeping a promise I made to Kevin. I told the boy that if a club came in for him he could go."

Leonard Eppel, the club chairman, said: "There comes a time for every club to enter the transfer market either as a seller

or buyer. We are currently run-ning Millwall as a second division this with third division gates.

"All our supporters must understand that we live in a real world and we must meet our obligations. We hope to strengthen the team as soon as possible in order to assist in the

FA TROPHY: First round replay: Barnet 1. Mendon 0: Woking 0. Dover 0. Postponed: Altrinchem v Grantham; Nuncation v Myde.

1STHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier divi-sion: Sizines 1, Oxford City 2; Sunton 2. Leatherhead 1. First division: Clao-ton 1, Leytonstone 3; Europion 2,

The championship will begin The championship will begin with a fascinating rematch of the 1976 final when Czechoslovakia beat West Germany on penalties. They meet again in Rome on June 11, The Crecks may not be as good as they were but still have sound, experienced players. The Germans are always technically outstanding. However, the presence of the Dutch, runners up in the last two World Cup finals, makes this group the more intensely competitive.

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group the more intensely connectitive.

England's under-21 team have also qualified for the last stages of the UEFA European Championship and will play Scotland in the quarter-finals. If Italy best Switzerland in a remaining qualifying competition game they will meet the Soviet Union.

The draws for the three European club competitions also took place yesterday and gave Nottingham Forest and Arsenal room for optimism but less hope for Celtic who have to play Real Madrid in the European Cup. Forest, the European Cup holders, are drawn with the East German champions, Dynamo Berlin, and in the Cup Winders Cup Arsenal will face Gothenburg.

Winners Cup Arsenal will face Gothenburg.

For Forest the draw could have offered more difficult opposition in Hamburg, who play Hajduk Split, of Yugoslavia, Real Madrid, or Ajax. Some indication of Dynamo's strength was given in the second round when they had difficulty in overcoming the Swiss ream. Servette Geneva, by an aggregate score of 4—3.

Arsenal are doubly fortunate in being drawn against Gothenburg. The Swedish team are considered the least powerful of the survivors and are the nearest to home.

Two of the five remaining West German teams in the Uefa Cup, Kaisersdautern and Bayern Munich, will have to play each other but the highlight of that competition is the tie between St Etienne, of France, and Boxussia Mönchengladbach.

West Ham to give their

observations The Football Association are asking West Ham United for their observations after receiving a report from the referee, Cliff Maskell, on the "-missile" inci-dent during last Samrday's home game with Warford. A linesman-was struck on the head in the 76th minute and Mr Maskell stopped the game for a short time.

Later a coin was found near by.

The previous week a linesman
was struck by a piace of concrete
thrown from the terraces at

Millwall.

In an effort to prevent a pro-In an effort to prevent a repe-In an effort to prevent a repetition of the crown Scenes on April 15, 1978, when Brighton met Tottenham at Hove, this Saturday's match between the clubs has been made all-ticket. All stand tickets have been sold. An allocation of 2500 towards hickets have

New York, Jan 16.—Someone deliberately switched tissues and blood samples from the body of Willie Classen while his remains were in the office of the city's chief medical examiner, Dr Elliott Gross testified today. Dr Gross, who has been chief medical examiner in the city for four mouths, said he took the samples and removed the brain for study.

But he told a Senate committee todaw that when the samples were analyzed four days later, Classen's blood had apparently been mixed with that of two other people, a slice of a brain from adotter body had been inserted among the tissues and urine samples had found no urine in the dead boxer's kidneys. It would be reasonable to be of the opinion that it was a switch — and deliberate. Dr Gross said.

Classen died of head injuries was a swinth — and deliberate. Dr Gross said.

Clessen died of head injuries on November 28, six days after a 10-round bout in which he was injured. The tissues, which Dr Gross said were substituted for ones he removed from the body, showed high concentrations of drugs that could not have been present in the boxer when he died. A hearing of the Senate committee on investigations, which is taking testimony on the operation of the medical examiner's office. Dr Gross also said the bucket of tissues that he removed from lassen's body disappeared for four days. They turned up December 3 in the refrigerator in the examiner's office.—UPI. tion of 3,600 terrace tickets have been sent to Tottenham for a special enclosure and no cash will be taken at the transities.

Bury's FA Cup third round replay against Rochdale last night was postponed because the pitch was covered in i.e. The tie will now be staged next Monday.

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Ice skating

Tennis

# Minter's big Greater cost but more comfort and less distraction at Wimbledon

Tennis Correspondent Spectators at this year's Wimbledon championships, from June 23 don championships, from June 23 to July 5, will pay more, but can look forward to less harassment from crowd congestion. Players-decreasingly familiar with grass court tennis—will have better practice facilities, fewer distractions on court two, and more prize money. The most drastic change will be the use of four new courts at the back of the Centre Court, where a tempotary stand will seat some 740 people.

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Everyone should have more room because, in spire of expanded facilities, the gates will still be closed when 31,000 spectators have been admitted. Air Chief Marshall. Sir Brian Burnert, chairman of the champiouships committee, said yesterday that Wimbledon had become overcrowded. The alterations were intended to improve conditions inside the grounds, to reduce the pressure; rather than to increase the crowds.

The system of different ticket we have a definite target, the date suits us. March 16 is Mothers' Day and you can expect Alan's to go out there. So will a lot of others. go out there. So will a lot of others.

"We hope more than 400 people will be going to Las Vegas to support Alan. We are very well forward in our training schedule, so I will quieten him down for a couple of weeks and then get down to the tough smif. We are very excited about the fight."

Larry Hoimes, the World Box-ling Council heavyweight champion, said that the European title holder, Lorenzo Zanon, whom he meets on February 3 with the title at stake, was "a worthy opponent", Reuter reports from Las Vegas. Holmes, insisting that his next two scheduled defences were more than warm-ups, said:

Controlled by a separation controlled by a separation will cost £3 instead of £1.75.

Court two will have 381 more seats. The accommodation will be extended to ground level, where there will no longer be standing room. This means that, there will be no milling throng between the crowd and the players and no longer a threat that the public will encroach on the court. To reduce queueing inside the prem, isses tickets for court two will be sold at the turnstiles.

Under pressure from local residents, Wimbledon are to discourage overnight queues, which have been increasing, by selling all Centre Court seats in advance instead of keeping 300 back. This means that only standing room tickets will be available for those who queue overnight. In addition. tickets will be available for those who quene overnight. In addition, queus will be diverted so that they will be less of a nuisance. As a fire precaution, the exit routes from the Centre Court are being improved at the cost of 166 seats. Wimbledon will lose one court to an extended members' enclosure, but the four new ones will raise the total available to 18.

Sie Brian said tennis shoes

The system of different ticket prices for each week, introduced last year, has been taken further. Sears on the centre court and court one, beginning at £5 and £5 respectively, will rise by £1 every three days, except that on court one the cost will be halved, from £6 to £3, for the last three days. Admittance to the ground the centre Court are being improved at the cost of 166 seats. Wimbledon will lose one court to an extended members' enclose the but al available to 18. Sir Brian said tenms shoes eemed to be rougher and heavier and more damaging to grass courts than they used to be. In an effort to give players more practice facilities and the cost of 166 seats. Wimbledon will lose one court to an extended members' enclose the but at available to 18.

will be £2 instead of £1.50. The most obvious increase in cost will be in the car parks, which are controlled by a separate company. Parking will cost £3 instead of £1.75. door to the All England Club.

The prize money for the seven main events, including the two plate competitions, has been raised by £15,343 to £275,579. The championships will also contribute £17,385, an increase of £1,005, to the bonus pool for the year-long men's grand prix circuit. The increasing thing about the allocation of the extra money is that every round of all seven events benefits, except for the quarterfinal, semi-final and final rounds of the two main singles championships.

Sir Brian said the committee

Strips.

Sir Brian said the committee considered that the leading players were already "getting more rhan enough". The committee's desire to put more money into the early rounds had been supported by a request from the Women's Tennis Association, who had told them that women beaten in the early rounds had trouble making ends meet. "Prices in Loudon have suddenly gone up enormously." Sir Brian said, The percentages distributed to singles and doubles still correspond with those recommended by the International Councils, but Wimbledon are quietly lobbying for all as adjustment of those percentages in favour of doubles.

**Consistent Cox** 

was brought home yesterday when he lost his second spot in the British rankings. The new list, issued by the Lawn Tennis Association, sees Lloyd, aged 25, overtaken by Mark Cox, who at 37 has already linited at cutting down his competitive appearances.

down his competitive appearances, Remarkably, Cox figures in the rankings for the seventeenth suc-

rankings for the seventeenth suc-cessive year; for the last 14 he has been in the top three. Christopher Mottram remains the undisputed number one for a third year, while the most signi-ficant move is that of Richard Lewis, who goes up from eighth to fourth. The Middlesex left-hander may have difficulty in consolidating his position, for a serious leg injury while playing in a charity foot-ball match will keep him out of arriog useff May.

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to third place

Connors is hampered by injury and Noah December Mrs King beat Miss
Burge 7-5, 6-3.

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Birmingham, Alabama, Jan 16.limmy Connors, the defending champion and top seed, struggled through an opening round match to defeat Yannick Nosh, of France, 7—6, 6—4 in a WCT tournament. He fought off a set point in the first-set tie-break. The groin injury that caused him to default in the match for third place in last week's Masters tournament in New York was still hurting, he said.

Two other top seeds withdrew:
Roscoe Tanner because of illness
and Guillermo Vilas, of Argentina,
because of a blistered foot. Vitas
Gerulaitis, runner-up to Bjorn
Borg in the Masters and seeded
second, had little trouble in his
opening match, beating Anand
Amritraj, of India, 6—3, 6—3. llie Nastase, of Romania, best Tim Garcia, of the US, 6—1, 6—3 and Christopher (Buster) Mottram, of Britain, best Vince Van Patten, of the US, 7—5, 7—5.

In Kausas City, Betrina Bunge, aged 16, upset the third-seeded Billie Jean King, aged 36, 6—2, 6—3, in the Avon tournament. In the final match of the night, which fasted 58 minutes, Miss Bunge held Mrs King at bay to take her first win from the veterau in two meetings. Last

Moorcroft beats Dixon into second place The Commonwealth champions,

min. 3.17 sec. However, he won from a good field with the New Allan Wells and David Moorcroft. Zealander, Rod Dixon, in second place and Mike McLeod of Britain third in 4 min 95.81 sec. Wells won the 100 metres in a head wind in 10.87 sec and McFarkane won impressively on a good day for British in the second New Zealand international athletics meeting here today, Mike McFar-lane and Beverley Goddard were other British winners and Store A rain-affected grass track

made it a men's sprint double for Britain as he beld off Ernest Obeng of Chana to take the 200 metres in 22.06 sec. Miss Goddard won the women's 100 metres in

Hemy Rono, won their races. Mains best New Zealand's Olympic 1,500 metres champion, John Walker, in the 800 metres and Rono took the 3,000 metres in 8 min 6.3 sec. Rono kicked away strongly from the field two laps from thee ad to defeat his fellowcountryman, Kip Keino (8 min 8.02 sec), with Markus Ryffel of Switzerland third (8 min 9.4 sec). The world record holder said be

Spencer reaches

Three times world champion John Spencer (Radcliffe) qualified on Tuesday to meet Perry Mans, of South Africa, in the semi-final round of the Padmore Crystalate snooker tournament at West Bromwich.

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Third round replay

Claxton to lead Harlequins Withdrawal of Colclough

Harlequins have appointed the prop forward. Terry Claxton, as captain for the rest of the season. Claxton, aged 28, a baulage contractor, is one of three captains tried out by the club since Adrian Alexander turned professional with the Rugby League club, Oldham, in December.

Iestyn Thomas, the Middlessex Hooker, will captain the side at Birkenhead Park on Saturday as Claxton, who has been with Harlequins for nine years, is still out of action with a leg injury. Thomas and the England B full back, Billy Bushell, were the two other players who have acted as temporary captains following the departure of Alexander.

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Clint McGregor resumes in the Saracens front row at Moseley.

It has been said of Andy Haden that once, when completing a form giving personal details before yet another All Blacks rugby bour, he gave as his profession "rugby player". The story may be apocryphal but it is a striking illustration of how the game has crown as it soes into

game has grown as it goes into the eighties and of how keen is

the eighties and of how keen is Haden's enthusiasm for it.
Andrew Maxweil Haden has been displaying his prowess in the colours of the Harlequins, though a leg injury has kept him out of action for a fortnight. It is a brief midwinter sojourn, he says, before returning to the joys of Italian championship rugby which should keep him happy until April when he expects to return to New Zealand for the domestic season.
Globe-trotting Antipodeans, of course, are nothing new. The

Globe-trotting Antipodeans, of course, are nothing new. The same kind of Antipodean who also plays rugby for, if possible, 12 months of the year, is something else. But Haden revels in the role: since 1972 he has been on three major tours to this country; he has played with representative New Zealand sides in Australia, the Argentine and France; his club, Ponsonby, have toured here and he has played club rughy in France and Italy, it is the grand tour of an oval-shaped world.

He comes from Wanganui in New Zealand's North Island, where his brother looks after the farm inherited from their father. He went to Massey University in Palmerston North but subsequently changed to a BSc course

Anderson while in the scrum, Gary Claxton steps down for Paddy Hinton, who was kept our of the side last weekend because of clears way for Horton

metres.

Maurice Colclough, the Angoulêne captain, has been ruled out of England's team to play Ireland in their opening five mations championship match at Twickennam on Saturday. He has been troubled by a surgury rib been troubled by a sprung rib carthage since the England trial on January 5. His withdrawal means a recall for another French-based lock, Nigel Horton, who is brought in for his 20th international, and tor his 20th international, and will join the England party today to train at St Mary's College, Strawberry Hill. Colclough, who played against the All Blacks in November when England went down by one point, was due to win his fourth cap.

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Horton, who also lives in France though he has now severed his link with the Toulouse club, played for Edgland in all four champloouship games last season. He regained his place after a disappointing 1977-78 season, when he played against France and Wales, but surrendered the place in the second row to Col-

Haden has the conviction that England lack

in geology at Aucklaud University, where he joined the Ponsonby is club. His travels began when he went with the junior All Blacks to Australia in 1972 and then, as a raw 21-year-old, was chosen for it the 1972-73 tour to Britain.

It was not a popular tour; either with the players or the British public, but the French part of the trip gave Haden an inkling of the sourt of rugby which could be played in Europe. "I always main tain that the 15-man game is what rugby was designed for and I was for to France our first game was at Tarbes, a lovely stadium, and I made quite a few friends." He went back to play for Tarbes the next year when a 1972-73 tour colfice gue. Sandy McNitchol, wrote and told him they were short of a lock. At much the same time he was laying the groundwork for a grupby-playing future by punting his savings into five flast, the rent for which gave him a regular income; and helped enable him and his wife, Patricia, to visit Europe (and any other part of the world while took their fancy) with an envisible regularity. It is, he says, an opportunity not to be missed; they can disce the world while they still have few domestic ties and combine it with Hadea's own love of rugby. Haden himself, though officially of described in tour literature as a property officer, is prepared to turn his hand to anything. At present he is a groomsman while

clough in the Scotland and Ire-land matches. Freddie McLeonan passed a fitrecents in Dublin yesset a lit-ness test in Dublin yesterday and is certain to play at Twickenham. The Irish wing has been plagued by a hamstring injury, which kept him out of the Leinster side dur-ing the inter-provincial champion-ship.

ship.

Ireland should play as selected, despite a few late scares. Willie Duggin, the Blackrock No 8 who became ill during last weekend's practice session, was discharged from hospital after tests. The London Irish flanker John O'Driscoll, is also available. He missed Sunday's get-eogether because his father had been taken to hospital in Manchester. The Welsh centre, Steve Fen-wick, who missed training with the natural forty on Sunday be-cause of a leg injury, has been responding well to treatment and it is hoped he will be fit to play against France at Cardiff. A final decision will be made after train-ing at Bridgend today.

Olympic Games

Taiwan appeal against court rejection

Taipei, Jan 16.—The Taiwan Olympic committee said today it would appeal against a Lausanne court's rejection of its claim to compete in pert month's Winter Olympics in Lake Placid under the nationalist Chinese flag. The committee's chairman, Shen Chia-Ming, said he expected a speedy ruling from a higher court

in Lausanne, where the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has its beadquarters.

Of the game in England be says: "Everyone knows there are a lot of strengths in English rugby but people rend to lose the

go out beaten before they start.

"How many tries have England scored in the past three years? Not very many. They look surprised if they do score a try. They don't have the confidence they should have. This season's English team we played at Twickenham was a lot better than last season's. There was no pressure last season but this time it was coming through all the time."

There are still a few places

through all the time."

There are still a few places where Haden has not played rugby. Possibly his ideal would be to play in Tahiti but the true appeal of the game has not yet been firmly established among the islanders. But wherever he goes there seems little doubt he will receive a warm welcome for his rugby talents and his mild, courteous manner—with the exception of Wales, where few will have forgotten how a penalty given in Haden's favour at a line-out meant the loss of the 1978 inter-

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has its headquarters.

The decision of the Lausanne district civil court did not mean that the IOC had won the right to make Taiwan change its name to the "Chinese Taipei Olympic committee" and stop using the national flag, anthem and emblems

The British Olympic appeal fund is to receive £5,000 from the £137,000 raised by the FA Charity Shield match between Liverpool and Arsenal at Wembley in August. Among other beneficiaries are the Disabled Spores Foundation, who will receive Ice hockey NATIONAL LEAGUE: New Islanders 5, Winnipog Jets 2: delphis Flyers 7, Washington C. 4: St Louis Blues 2, Minnesota Stars 1. Basketball DAYKCLUAPE

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Angeles Lakers 110, Utah Jazz 99. The kind of globe-trotting Antipodean who revels in playing rugby for twelve months of the year

BREMEN: Six days race, final day, leading standings: 1, P. Serca (Belglam, and A. Fritz (West Germany) 1.5 points: 2, W. Pefiger and G. Schutz (West Germany) 1.79. One lay stand R. Frank Determined to the stein 1.86.
4. G. Frank Determined 1.86.
5. Chulten (Netherlands) 1.80. G. Schutz (West Germany) 1.77. G. D. Clark and D. Allan (Australia 1.72, Eight laps bothind: 7, M. Venix (Netherlands), and R.P. Jaket (West Germany) 5.7. II laps behind: 8, M. Betz and W. Betz (West Germany) 90. a lot of strengths in English rugby but people tend to lose the courage of their convictions in internationals. A lot of people tend to blame the selectors when the team does badly but in New Zealand we think it doesn't matter a damn who's selecting, the 15 players go out and play the game they should, whoever they are. English players tend to go out beaten before they start.

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Hayden: would sweep the

last two tours have been won in the last quarter. Now 27, Haden

by playing for clubs all over the world: "You never know when, by playing for someone else, you may pick up something about them which will be useful when you play against them."

still happily learning the game

streets if it helped him

ball match will keep him out of action until May.

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sucoker tournament at West Brom-wich. He beat Doug Mountjoy (Ebbw Vale) 3—2, clinching the match with a break of 51 in the deciding frame. Mans had beaten Werbeniuk 3—0. Werbeniuk 5—0. SA) beat 3. Werbeniuk Canada; SA) beat 3. Werbeniuk Canada;

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# Richards, the Aladdin of Adelaide, dims the lamp of England

Cricker Correspondent Adelaide, Jan 16
England's customary batting collapse, this time in one of the game's great batting strongholds, led to defeat by 107 times by West Indian victory puts them into the three-leg final of the World Series one-day competition, where they will again meet England—in Melbourne on Sunday and in Sydney next Tuesday and Thurs-day.

Australians were hoping that England would win today. Had then beaten West Indies in Sydney on Friday, Australia would have qualified for the final. As it was, England came nowhere near to making the 247 they needed to win. They were a familiar 68 for five and then a wetched 100 for seven before another spirited.

win. They were a familiar 63 for five and then a wretched 100 for seven before another spirited little innings by Bairstow put a slightly better pace on things. It was a beautiful day for cricket and a large sun-drenched crowd came to enjoy it. From the city centre she Oval is an easy walk, and there was still a lovely freshness in the air as the ground filled up for a 10.0 start. By 10.30 England, having put West Indies in, were wondering how they were going to stop them from running riot. That they did so was due chiefly to the bowling of Botham, Emburey and Willey.

Being very narrow—It is 208 yards long and only 138 yards wide—the Adelaide ground is not the best of shapes for the off spin bowler; but Willey and Emburey each had a full quota of overs without being anything like codared. They usually had six men on the leg side to accommodate the line they were bowling; but straight mid-on that flughes was caught by Emburey off Wiley driving.

Six Donald Bradman, whose home is here, rates Richards as one of the greatest leg-side players there have been, Without being quite at his best today, he scored the first 22 trues of a partnership of 57 with Greenidge and snother of his many huadreds

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West Indies were never below four runs an over and eventually they were five. Even then the last over of their imings, howled by Stevenson, was one of only three maidens. Towards the end of the West Indian imnings there was a huge on drive for six by King off Gooch and a miraculous catch by Botham off his own bowling. Jumping for a skimming drive by Kallichartan, Botham knocked the ball up, twisted in the air se by Kallicharran, Botham knocked the ball up, twisted in the air as the came down and somehow threw himself across the pitch for a left-handed catch. Together with one by Randall at midwicket, under the Sydney lights, and another by Richards at slip in the Richards. There must have the

under the Sydney lights, and another by Richards at slip in the Brisbaus Test match, this was the catch of the winter.

If England are ever going to score 247 to beat West Indies in a 50-over match it should have been roday. Twenty-four for one after eight overs, with Gooch again playing well, was not unpromising but from the time that Gooch played down the wrong line to King's first ball England struggled. Brealey, going in first in the hope of saving Larkins and Randall for later, had been caught at the wicket in the second over; at 31 Willey forced king to cover point.

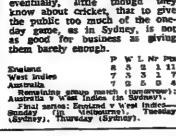
Gower, Larkins, Botham and Randall looked as though they bad something to offer, but it was not much. Gower swept King to deep square leg; Larkins pulled him to deep mid-wicket; and Botham, having just, with Randall, taken 16 off an over from Richards, which included a six over square leg by Randall and another over cover point by Botham, hooked a long hop to short mid-wicket. Stevenson, one of the heroes of last Monday's victory over Australia, could do much less right today and, although king took most of the wickets that mattered, Roberts was made man of the match for morphing up the laster ones. If England bat like this in the final,



Gull's eye view of Richards giving Lever the bird.

Clusion.

The size of the crowd—24,985---The size of the crowd—24,386—took everyone by surprise, including the caterers. It was three times larger than expected; larger, too, by nearly 19,000, than the crowd which watched the two sides playing against each other in Sydney in November; larger, in fact, than any crowd in Sydney this winter. The reason probably was that this was Adelaide's only match in the one-day competition. The promoters will rumble it weennally. Hitle though they The promoters will rumble it eventually, little though they know about cricket, that to give the public too much of the one-day game, as in Sydney, is not as good for business as giving



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### Businessmen to arrange

Georgetown (Guyana), Jan 15 .-The former West Indies captain, Rohan Kanhai, is to have a series of benefit matches here later this month. The matches are being arranged for Kanhai, aged 44 and born in Guyana, by a group of

The cricket authorities in this South American republic have at for Kanhei. He captained the West controversial figure in the During his career he played in 79 Test matches and scored 6,227 runs, including 15 Test centuries.

—Agence France-Presse.

# **England facing**

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Georgetown, Guyana, Jan 16 .first innings of 393 for six de-clared, were 24 without loss at lunch on the second day of their three-day youth cricket match here today. Butcher (10) and Cobb (13) were botting. Sports Council

# Howa sees Lions tour as spark for violent confrontation

Cape Town, Jan 16

The British Lions rugby tour of South Africa In May could bring violent confrontation be-tween blacks and whites in the tween blacks and whites in the republic that much closer, was the warning given by Hassan Howa, president of the non-racial South African Council of Sport (SACOS), in an interview here today. The Lions, he said, were allowing themselves to be used to condone the policy of apartheid. "Once the isolation stops, we go back to square one."

Mr Howa erroressed his politions.

Mr Howa expressed his opinions in a two-hour interview he gave two British journalists shortly after he met the Sports Council's fact finding mission led by their chairman, Dick Jeeps, in Wood-stock, a Cape Town suburb. Air shows came straight on to our talk which took place in the offices of the Cape Herald, the newspaper mostly read by blacks. Mr Howa haid said he would not demean himself by meeting us in what is recorded in improved the latest the same of the sam s termed an international botel -one where coloureds can mix freely with whites—and we would not have been permitted to meet him in a blacks hotel. him in a blacks hotel.

In his talks with the Sports Council delegation, hir Howa was representing the million and a half members of SACOS in 18 different sports. He would not disclose what he had told the British mission but when asked if the

Bromley 0 Oxford University 8
The little undge which Bromley received from this London League

match yesterday was minimal. Oxford University, by taking a point, prevented them from

getting within striking distance of

setting within striking distance of the leaders.

Not that Bromley deserved the three points at stake. Oxford looked more lively in the second half and, but for the splendid goalkeeping of Smith, might have taken the lead. Smith, in this period alone, saved three strong hits by Schweitzer, from short

Yet there were times when Bromley, despite their less frequent excursions, could well have smached the lend. They, too,

Bowls

achieved

meeting had been successful he said: "It was neither successful nor misutessful." It seemed that a lot of the eridence he gave the British was a complete comments. a lot of the evidence he gave the British was a complete commadication of what they had heard on Tuesday when they met Dr Dame Craven, president of the South African Rugby Board. Mr Howa had told Mr Jeeps to check the evidence carefully. Mr Howa and Mr Jeeps probably disagreed on whether groot and nobitics could whether sport and politics could be separated.

he separated.

Mr Howa clearly does not believe they ever can be. "The Lions tour is not so important to rugby as it is to the government in power. The Nationalist Party wish to persuade their electrorate that the rest of the world, and especially Briting, are prepared to accept their bona fides. So, if the Lions tour goes through they must accept the consequences of that true on the South African scene. In my opinion and in my knowledge of the people, they will bring confrontation in a troleut bring confrontation in a troleut sense so much nearer. All of us have worked so hard to put con-frontation back by dialogue as understood by all sensible people." Mr Howa said SACOS, in many cil, though they did not receive grants of money. "We have no power. We have no rotes. We are dependent on the understanding and goodwill of people overseas. The isolation of South Africa had

The goalkeepers have the last word

met with subborn resistance from Haddock, the Oxford goalkeeper. The best of his saves was the one from Defrates in the first minute of the second half, diving to his left to deflect at the expense of a long corner.

Johnson and Sabin did most of the running from Bromley, and Sabin looked a likely scorer in the fifth minute. His angular shot, taken while in high gear, was well saved by Haddock. For Oxford, Bantang, as usual, showed his authority in midfield and in the same area. Frecious set up a number of attacks. The best of Oxford's from runners was Durak, who was a constant threat o athe right flank. Little advantage was taken of two fine centres

age was taken of two fine courses when Oxford had gained ascend-ancy midway in the second half. When Oxford were on top they

Latest European snow reports

to continue if changes were to come. There had aiready been changes, he admitted, but far too slowly. "The changes that have come have been insignificant. No law has been changed. Cermin dispensations are being given under the permit system. The changes are not real changes but merely means to make the system more workable and gives them more workable and gives them more power."

Mr Howa said that Afrikaaners

Mr Howa said that Afrikaaners could not care less if cricket became integrated, cricket was the English game. "But rugby is his national religion. He is not prepared to push in a scrum with a black person. Rugby is still ethnically divided."

When asked what had to be done before SACOS would compromise with the government, Mr Howa said the most important thing would be a guarantee over the next 10 years that non-white children would be given a chance to develop their full potential in sport, education and other matters relevant to their jobs and their relevant to their jobs and their future. It was too late for their parents but it had to be done for the children.

Mr Howa himself classified a

Mr Howa himself classified a Cape Coloured and is a practising Muslim. In an ancestry which includes Goanese, Indians, Portuguese. Afrikaners and Zulus is a Scottish erandmother whose bushand fought for the British in the Boer War, "Ironic, isn't it, that the losers now have a vote and I don't?" he said.

should have thrown more players up front and gone for a win. There was too much concentration in certain areas where the build-up tended to break down when the players were tackled. A renewal of endeavour by both sides made the game very lively in the last five minutes but the defence held out.

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BROWLEY: D. Smith; M. Alchards, A. Kine, M. Lukchurst, A. Harrison, A. Kine, M. Lukchurst, A. Harrison, S. Grosley, M. Belliet, J. Harrison, S. Grosley, M. Belliet, M. Lukchurst, A. Grand, M. Harrison, M. Lukchurst, A. Connop i Minster and Kebler, C. Hoy Kingston GS and New! R. Lukchungton i KCS. W. mbledon and St. Edmund Hall:, M. Tanner (Hastling its and Lincoln; Jan. Precious (Scarbonner), M. Bontier, R. Tanner (Hastling its and Lincoln; Jan. Precious (Scarbonner), M. Bontier, R. Bontier, R. Martin, M. Bontier, R. M. Bentier, M. Bent

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### Skiing Miss Iliffe chosen for British team

By John Hennessy Valentina fliffe, this enfant terrible of British skring has been re-admitted to the announced yesterday for the Winter Olympics at Lake Placid. New York State, next month. The

New York State, next month. Infuli team is:
MEN: Konrad Bartelski (25).
Ross Blyth (18), David Cargill (22), Roddy Langmuir (19), Alan Stewart (24). WOMEN: Kirstin Cairus (17), Moira Cargill (21), Valentina Iliffe (23), Anne Robb

Valentina Iliffe (23), Anne Robb (20).

Miss Iliffe fell out with the National Ski Federation after failing to meet fitness and weight requirements during the summer. This season, therefore, she has been acting independently, though skiling under the British flag as a result of the licence provided by the authorities at home. It has a result of the licence provided by the authorities at home. It has been an uneasy relationship, but Miss lliffe forced her way into the team by her performances in British race week at Val d'Isère, France, earlier this month. Having represented Britain since the world championships of 1970, when she was only 13, she is the most experienced racer in either feam, but her results in recent years have not been encouraging and expectations of a good result in her third Olympic: mu be accompanied with a tinge of be accompanied with a tinge of

result in her third Olympic: mu be accompanied with a tinge of optimism.

Bartelski, too, has settled his differences with the federation, differences which led to his competing under Dutch colours for two years. He has had the potential to be the best male skier this country has produced for years, but things have not gone well for him of late.

Miss Uliffe hopes to compete in all three Alpine events, along with Miss Cairns, and thus qualify for the World overall championship, decided on Olympic results. Similarly, Blyth and Stewart are named for all three events. Bartelsid and the Cargills, brother and sister, race only in the downhill and Miss Robb and Langmuir in the two slaloms.

### Miss Wenzel widens

lead to 19 points

Arosa, Switzerland, Jan 16.—
Hanni Wenzel, of Liechtenstein, Hanni Wenzel, of Liechtenstein, today opened up a 19-point lead at the top of the women's World Cup ski table by winning the fourth giant sialom of the season, just ahead of Marie-Theres Nadig, of Switzerland. Miss Wenzel, setting off behind her Swiss rival in hoth runs, recorded the fastest times in each hoth runs, recorded the fastest times in each.

Miss Nadig, winner of the World Cup downhill race here yesterday, lost valuable tractions of a second by temporarily losing her balance, during today's event, but she finished the day still third in the overall cup standings. The Norwegian, Torill Fieldstad, overcame the handscap of starting twenty-ninth in the first run—a position which often leads to slower times, because of the rutted course—towhich often leads to slower times, because of the runted course—to-finish eighth overall, he rhest performance of the season.

Annemarie Moser, of Austria. Here posed a serious threat to the glant sladom leaders and saw a three-point overnight gap between her and Miss Wenzel in the cup points total widen to 19 points. It was the third gient selsom win of the season for Miss Wenzel, after victories at Limoue Piemoute last mouth, and at Berch. RESULT: 1 R. Wenzel (Linchester) 18:15 per 19:10 per 19:

# Gavaskar slips tight Pakistani leash

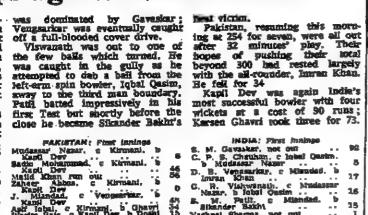
Medras, Jan 16.—Sunii Gavaskar, the Indian captain, was within
sight of his twenty-third Test
century at the close of the second
day's play in the fifth Test match
against Pakistan here today. India,
replying to Pakistan's first imings
total of 272, were 161 for four at
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patil batted impressively in his

Had it not been for Gawaskar's superb knock, India would have been in dire straits. The next highest score was Vengarkar's 17. Gawasker has so far batted for 285 minutes and hit 10 boundaries.

Pakistan, one down in the sixTest series, lost their last three wickets today for only 18 runs, but managed to keep the Indian batsmen on a tight leash.

Chauhan, who opened with Gavasian, laboured for an hour for his five runs, which came from only two scoring shots. After Chauhan had been capht at alle atmosting an ungainty stroke at a ball from the medium-fast afudussar Nazar, Vengasrar and Gavastar put on 58 for the inutes and hit 10 boundaries.







Richest season

Japan will offer prize money of 4.9 million dollars in the 1980 golf **Death of Bruce-Lockhart** sesson starting in March, the Japan Professional Golf Associa-tion said in Tokyo. The total prize By Rex Bellemy
Kins Bruce-Lockhert, who made a record total of 59 appearances for Scottish squash rackets teams batteen 1969 and 1979, died from a heart attack wirde playing for his club, Berga, in a Cumberland Cup money for 58 normements will be a record for Japan and about 322,000 dollars more than last year. The richest tournsment will be the Talheiyo (Facific) Masters in November, which will carry 300,000 dollars.—Reuter.

# Kanhai's benefit

meinestmen and doctors. far failed to arrange any benefits Indies in 1973 and 1974 but became Caribbean by accepting a coaching assignment in South Africa.

# big total

### Record victory Davos Excellent skiing conditions 95 400

Flaine Excellent skiing, no 20 by Swaziland Varied Good Good Melbourne, Jan 15.—Swaniland scored the biggest victory recorded in world bowls when they defeated Japan 63—1 in the triples event on the opening day of the world championships here today. In contrast, Australia and England were involved in two of the closest matches of the day, with Australia winning their pairs event 21—20 and Eugland winning the triples match 18—17.

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New snow on hard base
Val d'Isère 150 220
New snow on hard base Good Powder Good Villars

Lower south facing slopes
30 120 Match 18—17.

Alf. Sandercock and Peter Rheuben best John Bell and Mal Hughes in the pairs after the English bowlers had led 11—9 on the twelfth and and 14—12 after 14 eads. The Australians forged into play and held off a ratly by Bell and Hughes. The triples event insted four hours before England. Worn Good Good Wengen 30 120 Good Varied Fair Fine 4
Worn patches on lower slopes
In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from other sources: insted four hours before England, coming back from an early deficit of 9—1, edged to victory.

Paires: United States 33, Western 20; Sweeten 40, Japan 10; Hungkons 29, Scotland 9; Zambis 21, Custings 13; Persey 20, Erres 16; Carrielle 11; Persey 20, Erres 16; Carrielle 11; Persey 20, Erres 16; Carrielle 12; Persey 20, Erres 16; Carrielle 12; Persey 20, Erres 17; Wales 25, Mathwil 14, Truniles: Jarresy 15 Erres 12; Pill

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### Lingfield Park programme

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# Lingfield Park selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
1.30 Humboldt 2.0 The Spud Centre. 2.30 Owen Glin. 3.0 Roller1.

4.0 KEEP HURDLE (Div II: 4-y-o novices: £748: 2m)

### **Newton Abbot selections**

By Our Racing Correspondent Rite. 2.15 GAY PARK is specially 1.15 Super Selected. 1.45 Merch Rite. 2.15 Rib Law. 3.45 Woodlands Lad. recommended. 2.45 Parleur D.Or. 3.15 Rib Law. 3.45 Woodlands Lad.

# Francome just waits for the word

By Michael Philips
Racing Correspondent
The stewards will inspect the course at Lingfield Park at 7.30 am this morning and decide whether racing there today can go on. The course was passed fit nother midway through yesterday aftermoon but in view of a forecast of frost during the might a further inspection this morning was deemed advisable.

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Lorum 10-1 Nello's Lad, The
Philitanian 14-1 The Pulsar Bell, 16-1
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# Rubstic leads regulars back to Aintree

There is a familiar look about the entries for the Grand National, published yesterday. Eighteen of last year's contestants are among the 54 entered for Aintree on March 23.

They include the first six home, led by Scottish-trained Rubstic and the ante-post favourite, Zongalero. Ireland has 12 entries, notably the Irigh National winner, some fences, is also in the list. Modesty Forbids, an impressive Sandown Park winner, is also there, but Josh Gifford may decide to wait a further year with the eight-year-old. David Gandolfo has not entered his Coral Weigh They include the first six home, led by Scottish trained Rubstic and the ante-post favourite, Zongalero, Ireland has 12 entries, notably the Irish National winner, Tied Cottage, and Drumroah, third at Aintree in 1978 and a faller last year. third at Aintree in 1978 and a faller last year.

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TOTE: Wis. 20p: Deal F: 27p. CSF: 40p. R. Bressie, at Belford, Neck. 3l.

2.45 (2.46) DRYBURGH CHASE (Novices: £596; 2m)

ALSO RAN: 6-1 Reserving Deep. 10-1 Horder Drummer (4th), 25-1 Arctic Silver, 50-1 Bay Corniche, 7 ann.

Sam.

Brown was seen at his strongest when keeping Solo Sam up to his work to hold off the late challenge of Caldbeck by a neck in the Swinton Handicap steeple chase. The plans were to send Solo Sam to Stockton next Monday, but his trainer, Robert Brewis, decided to send Solo Sam to the Scottish track in case the weather description. Solo Sam, bred by hs traner, sauntered no the lead three fences out from Wagner.

Brown, who has had 16 winners this term, rode a waiting race on Regal Tudor in the Granthouse Handicap Hurdle. Regal Tudor is the only horse owned and trained by Jimmy Pringle at Hexham, and heat the 7-2 favourite, Autumn Glow, by two and a half lengths.

Manufacture the con waiting direct Glow, by two and a half lengths. Newzate, the top weight, drived from 3-1 to 5-1 in the market and his trainer, Andy Scott, was tasked by the stewards about the seven-year-old's performance. The stewards taccepted the explanation that Newzate could not act on the heavy ground. Scott added: "He hew up turning into the straight and Newzate has been restricted in his work at home due to a bruised sole."

Duni F; £2.30, CSF: £3.49, R. Goldie, at Dimension, 21, GL 3.15 (3.16) COLDSTREAM MURDLE (UZ; 10523 : MONAN : II AIQ)
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FREELE: Caravino, Solo Sam and
Marnik. E56.00. JACKPOT: £157.40.
A pool of £59.80 Carried forward to
Lingfield inday, PLACEPOT: £50.90.

### Newton Abbot programme



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15 23-0000 Early Thirties, J. Spearing, 6-11-9
16 3-20000 Cantle Knight, J. Parrett, 7-11-9
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28 Clour Deal, 10-1 Richmode, 12-1 Mister Cool; 20-1 others.

3.45 CHELSTON HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £834: 2m 5ff)

# A chronicle of current events

History's Carnival A Dissident's Autobiography By Leonid Plyushch (Harvill £9.50)

Dead Souls is never dead. "The evidence in the case, the manuscripts, and the results of the evaluation". wrote Georgiy Morozov, Dr Kachayev, Professor Lunts and Senior Research Assistant Gartsev in June 1972, indicate that L. I. Plyushch is suf-fering from a mental illness— sluggish schizophrenia. He has suffered since youth from a para-noid disorder characterized by messiansm, reformist ideas, emo-tional disturbances and on uncritical cal attitude towards his condition. He poses a danger to society, must be considered non-responsible, and should be committed to a spe-special psychiatric hospital.

For all their tremulous and cowardly non-sequiturs, the hack shrinks were right about hack shrinks were right about released and packed off, with one thing: he was a danger to his family, to Israel. They now

The Lyttons in India

tary. Disraeli had chosen to

Poetry

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By Mary Lutyens

(John Murray, 59.75)

society. A young Ukrainian live in Norway, whose decency cyberneticist of some distinct and comparative calm still begun reading samizdat literature in 1962 and working positively for its dissemination, about five years later. In 1972, about five years later. In 1972, after years of standillance and playfully false alaring he was arrested and interrogated by the KGB. He was skut up in a psikhushka, or psychiatric "hospital", for nearly four years in the company of criminals and abused lunatics and placed under a regime of depressant drugs designed to rid his mind for ever of its. "anti-Soviet" cast. He feared for his samity and friends feared for his family and friends feared for his life. After a campaign of expilarating courage by his wife, a ing courage by his wife, a positive Leonore, supported by Amnesty International and the mathematics community in the

tion, Leonid Plyushch bed move and delight him. This horrible story of dissidence, cruelty and persecution in the post-Khrushchev age is the subject of History's Comi-

nal. That the KGB failed to destroy Plyushch's mind is clear from the very existence of the book. Though somewhat discursive in comment and chronology it cannot be easy to order the patterns of the past without papers of any kind—it is extremely informative on the history and personalities of discourse. tive on the history and per-sonalities of dissent in Russia's third city, Kiev, and is the work of a tirelessly curious and developing intelligence which has retained its faith in a Marxist future through an astonishing series of explora-tions and ser-backs.

Two messages neither, alas, but none the less urgent that resound through the ok. The first is that the

Soviet Union is falsely con-structed on an ideology imper-fectly applied and now in able authority since Nietzsche and the Ukranian national irreversible decline, betraying Marx, Communism, and the laws of its own constitution, in the pursuit of Russian auto-cracy and imperialist greed. cracy and imperialist greed.
Only by forcing the regime to acknowledge its own lawlessness will change ever be made.
The second—without which the first would be of purely local application—is that only in the nourishing of individual counciousness and the rebirth of sciousness and the rebirth of self-respect, does the salvation of humanity lie. Of this in his own life and experience he writes, as throughout, without

Tanya and I went over the last Tange and I went over the last four years. Yes, they were warth going to prison for. We had been happy . we had been able to respect ourselves. I was going to prison not for the sake of abstract ideas, but for the sake of respect for myself and others.

the eyes of the much-enduring,

and evidently also lovable Lady Lytton, and too much

space is given to the wander-ings of the family and their

domestics amid cockroaches and

canopies between Calcutta Delhi and Simla, but those who

still need a good bout of nos-talgia at the highest level, well illustrated and carefully docu-mented, will find it here, sym-

Faber Book of Sounets where his admirable "A Note on Wyatt" will certainly find a

place if it ever runs to a revised

A. M. Rendel

pathetically presented.

arrogance or pride:

Like Solzhenitsyn, whom he reveres, he is profoundly dis-

able authority since Nietzsche observed and announced the death of God. Unlike his beru, however, he does not believe that the Christian God is still alive—he is almost as much alive—he is almost as much bewildered as moved by his meetings with Baptists in a wood outside Kiev—but neither, despite his beliefs and achievements, is he convinced that science, beauty or Marx has succeeded in filling the gap. Only a complete and painstaking renaissance of humanism, stone by stone, can do that.

In this process the written word remains of supreme importance, and indeed the interdependence of literature, and life in Soviet Russia inform this book. It is precisely because true socialism is about from Soviet society. absent from Soviet society that the authorities insist on its not being traduced in print, and the eternal tycle of Russian literature and history—

stone by stone, can do that.

Michael Ratcliffe

Miss Tabor is a writer whose work I have not met before, and she has natural definess and clarity to commend her, though she moves at the moment in altogether too recognizable a convention: the borderline between SF and the occult. The book turns on the old game of an alternative universe, and has its clichés. ("But, there's always been a rumber 41" she cries.) Nevertheless, the book works, mainly through Miss Tabor's mient for catty observation, and partly because the alternative pos-sible life into which poor Unity falls is so exactly the

Elaine Feinstein Thatcher, banker-sleuth, And Somehow over here we can seldom manage that quality. Oddiy, however, the very brightness of the humour dulls the considerable punch of the book's all-out (another American asset attack on medical men's greed.
I'm not sure whether I'm disappointed by that or pleased not to have to get too embroiled. A more generalized and thus perhaps a more effective one, runs through and through Margaret Millar's The Murder of Miranda, set in an exclusive California beach club. Something of a departure for Mrs Millar, her teasing story

Going It Alone, by Michael Innes (Gollancz, £4.50). Classic veteran in fine form. More a country-house whatsup than a tancing language (eg for "stocking-mask " read "filmy integu-

Texas University bibrary there exists on unpublished autobiography. What Miss Lane has done here is to select, with done here is to select, with sensitive imagination from the contributions Plora Thompson made to The Catholic Fireside and arrange these in a monably chronology. The result is one of the best informed and observed nature-throughthe year journals, written with the loving precision one has hitherto unpublished Heather-ley, an account of life at Graysbott in the style of Lark Rise—far better than Still Clides the Stream. Altogether

In the TLS tomorrow: Stuart Hampshire on G. E. Moore and the Apostles; A. J. P. Taylor on George F. Kennan; Edward will be reviews of new hooks

poet, Shevchencko-is both a comfort and a challenge to the samizdat writer, typist or messenger today. Despite the conclusions of the psychiatrists appointed to examine him by the KGB. Plyushch is neither Myshkin nor ambitious to play holy fool. He is sensible, witty, dignified and energetic. His book offers countless little insights into the last decade and a half of Soviet life (eg,
"I replied eagerly, as most
novices to police interrogation
do") and all the ironies of a Communist society in which the only Marxist in the lab is also the only politically un-reliable member. Most en-couraging of all, he is still under 40, and readers of History's Cornival will find it unlikely that, though he has terribly earned his peace of mind in Norway, he remains off the stage of action for long.

along her difficult journey North to see him before she dies. Its strength lies in its evocation of odours and tex tures: the bleach and barsh the almond oil and aniseed of the cake she carries; and the landscapes she passes through until she reaches the cold Castillian rivers of the North. In a snowy northern town she is given food by Franco's police, but it turns out that the gift involves her in a "spontaneous demonstration of loyalty for the Generaliseimo whole lime-heap of corthat a whole lime-heap of cor-pses forbids. The woman's memories have as much phys-ical reality as the world she moves in; perhaps more, truly, for many of the encounters on the way have a surread uncer-tainty which the deliberately fragmented process with its fragmented prose with its slightly awkward use of the present tense, does little to sharpen into significance.

one she persistently craved as a frustrated, married, mother-

I suppose the most obvious example is the wisecrack of which Westlade's Enough! is beppily full, both in the dia-logue of this well worked-out story of an obscure film critic trying to get rid of a body and in the narration. "Like a Flat Earther faced with an astronaut": a sharp simile I wish I'd used myself (Watch these columns). The attractive knowingness of the fun here is beautifully enhanced by the continuous stream of adroit movie references. Surefire Something more than enter-

> Bagby (Hale, £4.50). Murder mystery springing from huge New York hotel heist. Much to be said for stocking-masked leader being labelled "the head parsnip."

# **Fiction**

Ana No By Agustin Gomez Arcos (Secker Warburg, £5.50) Unity Penfold By Margaret Tabor (Heinemann, £5.95)

Not much of a sniff of the 1980 zeitgeist in my New Year jiffy-bag, but two books of some interest. When I was in Madrid last year, I heard a great deal about the renais-sance of Spanish writing

Franco, and the recent influx. of Latin American intellectuals. Gomez-Arcos could not have hoped to be directly part of this (he was forced to leave Spain in 1966, and this hook is evidently translated from French) but Ana No certainly begins usefully to open up the painful years since the Civil War. And if this novel is neither big enough nor solid enough for that enormous theme at least it is passionately

Andalucian woman who her fisherman busband ing son still rots in gaol at fifty-three; and all the inci-dents of the book are strung

Crime

Mrs Millar, her teasing story scintillates on every page with digs, sharp or sly. You read, giggle and gurgle with delight. But I suspect if you were a well-off Californian you would be making New Year resolutions hard at this moment, or perhaps cursing yourself for breaking them. Crime-humour with a sting.

Points and Lines, by Seiche Matsumoto (John Martin, £6.95). Interesting, dimpid, million-selling Japanese murder story translated by Makiko Yamamoto and Paul C. Blum. There you can rely on trains running to the minute and Free-man Wills Crofts rides again. Tomorrow's Treason, by Palma Harcourt (Collins, £5.50). Harcourt (Collins, £5.50). Espionage and romance. Lovers can be liars too. A swingeing story set in uppermost American echelons and among diplo-

H. R. F. Keating

of Spanish writing was expected to the departure of

Franco's power, events are seen through the eyes of an old Andalucian woman who and all her sons but one on the Teruel front. Her remain-

By Donald E. Westlake

Enough!

(Gollancz, £4.95)

Physician

Miranda

COMMISSION

sharpness ".

entertainment.

The Attending

(Macmillan, £4.95)

The Murder of

By R. B. Dominic

By Margaret Miliar

(Hodder & Stoughton, £4.95)

To hand: three American

crime-humours. And an interest-

ing trio they make, each conspicuously different, all marked with at least one

quality on the whole not to be

found in their British equiva-lents. I encapsulate it as

characteristic.

Set in the last years of

sting.

mais in Norway.

I. Could Have Died, by George

this volume is a must for Flora Thompson eddicts and a superb introduction to the uninitiated.

Norman on Church and State, In The Times next week there about the state of the English language, Stonehenge and other prehistoric stone circles, and historical fiction Mental element in cases of child neglect lying. The prosecution relied on an important feature, namely, that the parents had falled to take the child to see a paediatrician with Regina v Sheppard
Before Lord Widgery, Lord Chief
Justice, Lord Justice Bridge and
Mr Justice Woolf
[Judgment delivered January 15]
The Marine of Lords is 22 College The House of Lords is to consider the proper direction to give to a jury about what constitutes the necessary meas rea of an offence contrary to section 1 of the Children and Young Persons

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Court of Appeal

an important feature, namely, that the parents had failed to take the child to see a paediatrician with whom three appointments had been made by a health visitor.

The case hinged on the construction of "withuly neglects" in section 1. The alternative arguments were: (1) if the person charged was shown to have been responsible for the acts complained of and they amounted to the necessary neglect, no further knowledge or mental element was required; (2) "wilfully "required proof by the person charged that the act or omission was likely to be injurious and an intention to go ahead nevertheless. The long-standing authority was R v Senior ([1899] 1 QB 283) and no subsequent case deviated from the statement in that case, at p 290, that "wilfully" means that the act was done deliberately and intentionally, not by accident or inadvertence, but so that the and intentionally, not by accident or inadvertence. but so that the mind of the person goes with it. Neglect is the want of reasonable care—that is .... such steps as a reasonable parent would take ... provided the parent had such means as would enable him to take the necessary steps ". The judge followed the latest authority, R v Lowe ([1973] QB 702), and directed the jury that "wilfully" meant simply that the prosecution did not have to prove that the parents foresaw any result but had to prove that the acts were deliberate.

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Accordingly, their Lordshins could not take any action to distribe the appellants' conviction. However, they did not wish to make any secret of the fact that they thought the law was worthy of review. The appeal was dismissed. of review. Inc appeal was unsmissed.
An application for a certificate and leave to appeal to the House of Lords under section 33(2) of the Criminal Appeal Act, 1948, were granted. The guestion certified was: "What is the proper direction to give on a charge of wilful neglect of a child under section 1 of the 1933 Act as to what constitutes the

as to what constitutes the necessary mens rea of the offence ... Solicitors: Registrar of Criminal Apocals; Mr R. C. Beadon, Northampton.

food for awe days and not mike at all. There was no subcutaneous fat, which suggested insufficient food insake for some time.

The parents, who gave the impression, as the judge pointed out, of having done their incompetent best, and to fight many difficulties and were guilty of

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offence contrary to section 1 of the Children and Young Persons Act, 1933.

The Court of Appeal gave leave to appeal to the House when dismissing an appeal by James Martin Sheppard, aged 21, and his wife, Jennifer Christine Sheppard, aged 23, against conviction at Northampton Crown Court (Judge Gosling) of cruelty to their child, aged 16 mouths, Mr Sheppard was sentenced to aix months' imprisonment and his wife to nine months. They were admitted to bail pending the hearing in the House of Lords.

Section 1 provides: "(1) If any person who ... has the custody ... of any child ... wilfully ... neglects ... him ... in a manner likely to cause him unnecessary suffering or injury to health ... that person shall be jully of an offence... (2) ... (3) a parent ... shall be deemed to have neglected him in a manner likely to cause him unnecessary suffering or injury to he health ... that person shall be fully to cause injury to his health if he has failed to provide adequate ... medical aid ... for him... "Mr Anthony Smith, QC, and Mr

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Mr Anthony Smith, QC, and Mr
J. M. Cartwright for the appel-lants; Mr Anthony Palmer, QC, and Mr John Reddithough for the

and Mr John Redditionsh for the Crown.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that the child died at January, 1979. One surprising thing was that, although a large number of highly qualified and, doubtless, dedicated experts, health visitors and the like saw the child from time to time, nobody seemed to have noticed anything seriously wrong with him. After his death he was found to be in a serious physical state. He had had no solid food for five days and up milk at all. There was no subcuraneous

### When meat moves from steel to plastic

Jaka Foods Group Ltd v Secre-tary of State for Industry Before Mr Justice Bristow

Where food which had been cooked and preserved in bulk in Denmark and, for selling to consumers, it was reduced in this country into smaller units and repacked in plastic continers with consumers loss in the level country into smaller units and repacked in plastic containers with consequent loss in the level of preservation, the activity in England was not carried on for the purpose of preserving the food. Accordingly, the building in which the activity was carried on did not qualify for a capital expenditure grant under section 1 of the Industry Act, 1972.

His Lordship refused an application by Jaka Foods Group Ltd for an order of mandamus directed to the Secretary of State requiring him to reconsider his application for a development grant towards expenditures incurred at its premises at Wallasey, Wirral.

Mr Patrick Medd, QC, and Mr Michael Lerego for Jaka; Mr Simon Brown for the minister.

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HIS LORDSHIP said that by section 1 the mainter could make a grant mwards approved capital expenditure incurred in providing a building as part of " qualifying premises" in a special develop-

a building as part of "qualifying premises" in a special development area.

By section 2(1) "qualifying premises" meant premises used for the time being wholly or mainly for "qualifying activities" meant activities described in any of the "minimum list headings" in Orders II to XX (inclusive) in the Standard Industrial Classification, which by section 2(3)(c) was to be used without regard to any anciliary or associated activities, such as sales and distribution.

Whether premises were "qualifying premises "as being premises where "qualifying activities" were carried on was a matter of mixed fact and law depending on what were the activities carried on for which the premises were for the time being wholly in mainly used, and whether on the true construction of the Standard Industrial Classification they were described in any of the specified list headings.

The court was to approach the construction aspect of the matter by looking at it through the eyes of the practical man instructed in the industry in the course of

by looking at ft through the eyes of the practical man instructed in the industry in the course of which the activity in question was carried on: Pisher-Bendix Ltd v Secretary of State for Employment (1970) I WLR 856). Given that the premises were qualifying premises the minister had an absolute discretion to make or not to wake the grant and his or not to make the grant, and his decision if made in good faith could not be challenged in the

decision if made in good faith could not be challenged in the nounts.

Wallasey was in a special development area. Jaka was the English subsidiary of a Damish company which for many years had carried on the business of distributing both cauned meat and meat in vacuum sealed plastic. "pouches" the transparent packs of bacon and ham familiar to supermarket shoppers, which it imported from the parent company in Denmark.

In 1976 Jaka decided to cease importing the plastic pouches and to build a plant in Wallasey, where cooked meat inported from Denmark in large sealed cans, each containing one large block of meat, would be removed from the cans and sliced, and the slices packed into the vacuum sealed plastic pouches.

Thereafter the pouches containing the slices left Wallasey on their way farther down the kne to the consumer. The virtue of the new set-up was that cooked meat once in plastic pouches remained wholesome and edible for up to three or four weeks, so that when the journey time from Denmark was eliminated the product would have a much longer life than previously.

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In 1977 Jaka applied for a grant in respect of their capital expenditure on the new building.

Advertisement MR JAMES PRIOR, Employment Secretary, is the principal apositer and Lord Justice Donaldson a distinguished Guest at The Law Society's Commerce and Industry Group's annual dinner at the Conneight Rooms, London.

It would have been worth £137,000. If would have been that the premises were for the time being to be used wholly or mainly for qualifying activities, namely, those described in Order III of the minimum list headings in the Standard Industrial Classification under heading 214. "Bacon Curing, Meat and Fish Products 1...2. Other processing and preserving of meat and fish. Curing bacon and ham, canding and otherwise preserving meat... Production at distributive establishments is excluded." establishments is excluded.

They said that what was done
at the new premises was what was
described under 214,2 as "otherwise preserving meat" and it was
not production at a distributive
establishment so as to be excluded.

The early that the frolland was Jaka said that the minister was wrong in law in deciding that what was to be done in the premises did not fit the 214 description "otherwise preserving" meat.

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construction and so a matter of law. The minister had to look at it, and the court when his at it, and the court when his decision was challenged had to look at it, through the eyes of

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a practical man instructed in the industry. After 1976 the slices which were to reach the consumer in their plastic packs via the supermarket plastic packs via the supermarket were as before to be cut from meat cooked and canned in Denmark, and so preserved in Denmark, and so preserved in Denmark. But the first part of the journey from Denmark to the consumer was to take place in bulk in a steel pack. On arrival at Wallasey the steel pack was to be opened in circumstances designed to minimize the reduction in the state of preservation of the meat in bulk and get it in slices into its ultimare plastic packs in which the level of preservation maintained during the transfer from bulk to slices would as far as possible be retained. as far as possible be retained, and in which the slices would remain wholesome for a further

three-four weeks.

There was no evidence on how long the cooked mear in bulk in the steel commaner would remain wholesome, but it followed from the whole concept of the new operation and its advantages that the quality of preservation in bulk in steel was higher than in slices in plastic. three-four weeks.

in plastic.
So, in his Lordship's judgment, the practical man, looking at the whole picture, would say to himthe practical man, looking at the whole picture, would say to himself, as he opened his plastic packet of Jaka elices, that the stuff was cooked and preserved in Denmark; that when it reached Wallasey, in order to reduce it into units in which it could be read to be a stuff or the could be said. and units in which it could be sold to the consumer, its Danish level of preservation had inevitably to be reduced and its wholescome life shortened in comperison with its original state of preservation and expectation of wholescome life. That was not what minimum list heading 214 described.

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Britain's whole policy in Europe and Turkey. War, has indeed been blessed biographical Any biographical study needs a good subject and good settings, and the author, a granddaughter of Lord Lytton's, could hardly be more fortunate in both. Lytton was, for Disraell, an extraordinary choice as Viceroy. At heart a liberal he was translated from a minor diplomatic post, without previous experience of administrative or governmental work in Whitehall, but with an ambition to become a roma post He was demonstratively affectionate, unconventional and completely un-British. Two of his best—and most admir-British opinion at least as deeply as Suez in 1956, and it is certainly providing the Russians with the same fierce differences between their advisers able friends were en uncle of Virginia Woolf and the father of Lytton Stracher. He seemed to spitomize those qualities least likely to win the under-

by fortune. It could not possibly have been rimed with more exquisite ropicality. Readers may fairly wonder whether any real parallels should be drawn between the British campaigning on foot in the Afghan passes in the late 1870s and the Soviet airborne invasion of today, but on the political front there are indeed clear parallels between the problems facing Britain then, and Russia now. How far, for instance, must a great power react, when its representatives are massacred and mutilated? At the time Afghanistan divided

standing and cooperation of Anglo Indian administrators in Kabul and the decision-making bodies in the Kremlin. Afgwhose middle-class propriety hanistan perfectly illustrated the tug-of-war between the Vicercy and the Foreign Secreand deep colour prejudices appalled him. His inverterate flirtatiousness with the wives of his staff led to much malicious gossip but he was loved pursue a forward policy, and the Viceroy was determined to force the issue once be believed—rightly—that the by those who knew him best. The settings are equally

Or shall I wait and calculate mp Consolidating this my inch-square -Myself a spy, killing your spies-in-glances-Planning when you have least supplies or clothing keeping still." Thom Gunn's.

> work is a young man's work, and he was 50 this year. The Selected Poems is a volume which anyone who cares about modern English poetry will

The relationship between the bird and its master, worked out through four stanzas, with neat puns on the usages of hewking viding him with just the sort of exercise in intensity which his sophistication at that time. appeared to require. The subject matter of his verse was love and the importance (even occasionally the deification) of action. The poems were muscular and dramatic, sometimes over-contrived, but usually satisfying in the way they worked through conceins to a punch-line not necessarily con-ceited, as at the end of "The Beach Head", a fine poem

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author concludes.

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This book is disturbing. The

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Kidnapping works. It works for criminals, except where the police are efficient and much trusted. The official manber of people kidnapped in Italy in recent years is 334: two-thirds of them paid a total of £88,000,000 to come home alive. It works for terrorists, except where governments are repressive. Between 1976 and 19:7 gerrilla movements throughout the world kidnapped nearly 400 people governments and companies paid £77,000,008 for a third of them. It brought them the release of 267, political prisoners.

Most of the book is devoted

to research into kidnapping in Europe and the Americas, ex-

will be astonished by

terms of military metaphor:

famous last line from his poem A pincer move to end in un "On the Move" will serve well embrace, enough as epigraph for a quick And risk that your mild liking turn to loathing? The later poems, which experi-ment with syllabics, show an increase in directness and some Selected Poems (Faber, £4.50 slackening of wit. I would argue and £1.95), a judiciously chosen that he has never surpessed the were stready extracting much anthology, drawing on all his achievement of his two early critical attention is old enough collections. Perhaps this is only (just along) to he shall be a stream of the collections. a way of saying that all Gunn's

> £1.95). The verse journal, which opens this collection for a long time. In it, he con-centrates his powerful verbal farming in the Devon countryside. The result is at best
> finely spontaneous, as you;
> would expect from Hughes, but;
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Hughes is a most uneven writer, beyond his own fancy lie is a good one. This book is hearten-ing in that it suggests some

C. H. Sisson, hardly known at

modern English poetry will as a major poet by any standards. Sisson published original verse only in the magazines lished a book this year—during 1979, but he did bring Moortown (Feber, £5.25 and poot his translation of Some £1.95). The verse journal falso La Fontaine (Carcanet, falso) a light residue, the standard of the falso gift on sights and sounds Sisson has just completed a culled from his experience of translation of the complete farming in the Devon country. Divine Comedy due from

Kingsley Amis as underness of these poems, their close Cameron perfected at The book observation, and alert patience: Contains few overs antibology-Blue haze. Bees hanging in eir et pieces Antis is under-the hive-mouth.

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about a love affair conceived in 10n the hive-lip. Snowdrops. Two buzzards, Still-wings, each Magnetised to the other, Cattle standing warm. Lit, happy stillness.

> return to the roots of his strength. all when Gunn and Hughes

Carcanet next year which is to be anticipated with the keenest

adjectives which no critic in his right mind would dream of lected Poems 1944-1979 applying to this poet's most famous (and I think overvalued) book Crow. The violence and gentleness of the natural world—and the opportunity which it offers the human imagination for empathy—has always brought out the best in Hughes, and I admire the freshness of these poems, their close Cameron perfected.

edition. I quote the first four lines to illustrate his skill:

The Viceroy on his Throne, 1877

arresting. It was Lytton who

proclaimed Queen Victoria Empress of India, from a place of proclamation of "Crystal Palace hideosity". At the high-

moon of empire the maharajahs grandly pass, one flaunting his elephants in chain mail or bullooks with horns tipped in

gold. The description of din-ners and dresses is equally astounding, set often at times between earnest discussion of

Too much is seen through

craft!
Gaily her topsails buige, her sidelights burn! There's jigging in her rigging for And beauty's self, not nam limited on his stern The metaphor of the woman as ship is cleverly sustained, with just as much brilliance as you find in early Gunn, and Amis is better than Gunn when

twists and turns of speech to the shape of his verse. He is a literary poet with a sharp ear for slang; the combination makes for a readable and enterraining collection. Peter Redgrove, I imagine, is the sort of writer Amis would abbor. His The Weddings at Nether Powers and Other New Poems (Routledge, E2.95) contains all manner of visceral incantatory stuff, no trace of a sense of

stuff, no trace of a sense of humour, and a solemn commitment to his own genius which would be embarrassing did not Redgrove, every once in a while, come up with an image which no one else could have dreamt of: "The centipede like a strolling knot-louf". A previous reviewer compared him to an abandoned earth-demon, I believe, and the figure suits these verses too, because often they sound like the kind of thing a tree or a stone might lave to say if trees or stones were blessed and consed with a gift of speech. I could do with less abandon, and when this poet cares to apeak like a human being his intelligence is after all considerable. His sincerny is never in doubt. stuff, no trace of a sense o

Robert Nve

Something more than enter-rainment is to be found in R. B. Dominic's The Attending Physician. Dominic is—ther pub-lishers blazon it—another name for Emma Lathen and this Forewarned is forearmed Washington-based story of doc-tors abusing the American free A Study of Kidnapping of kidnapping and its apparent and Latin America, where it is success. Some will wonder unit both frequent and profitable.

In the World Today casely whether the book will unintentionally commend kid-ficant evidence of liaison and medicine system is as packed with detail as any of the Wall Street cases of Putnam unintentionally commend kid-napping as a profitable crime.

I don't think there is cause for alarm. Kidnepping, as the author rightly comments, is a complex business. Planning resources, and communications countries are sympathetic to the concept of a common policy in dealing with it, in practice it is always a domestic issue. Counter measures thought repressive in sources, and communications are necessary, and even if these are satisfactory, the ground conditions must be right. A hostile public inevitably makes kidnapping especially hazardous. Secrecy is essential to kidnapping for profit; in sharp contrast kidnapping for political reasons is proclaimed to the world. one country are accepted with-out question in others. By con-trast the Prevention of Ter-rorism Act, for example, was described as Draumian by Roy Jenkins. In most European or Latia countries it would be regarded as laughably inepr. In fact, it is probably appropriate to Britain in that it obvintes overt activities in support of

There is no blueprint for dealing with either. Happily, in Great Britain either would certainly arouse strong public feeling. It is, in fact, the political, social and economic conditions in any society which determine the kinclistood of hightening as well as other determine the kircliscood of kidnapping as well as other for profit or to achieve a positical end. The same factors will also largely determine the success or failure in dealing with it. It says much for the inherent stability of British society that there have been only since or four intentional kidnappings in the possible world and there is decisions in which it has had little to do. In the unlikely and unhappy event that kidnapping here increased dramatically this book would become required reading, with its foverunter "Kidnapping and Russom" by Dr Richard Chuterbuck, both Europe and the Americas, examination of the reaction of victims and governments, and discussion of the relationship between kidnappers and kidmapped. It is a fascinating narfor there have been only three orthere have been only three o suggest that to be forewarded is not necessarily to be fore armed, but might nevertheless

cooperation between terrorist organizations. Although some Quick guide A Country Calendar and other writings, by Flora Thompson. Selected and edited by Mar-

garet Lane (Oxford, 56.95). There is nothing about or by Plora Thompson that is not richly rewarding, and to Margaret Lane's enthusiasm and research we owe the posthamous publication of Still Glides the Stream (fictional portrait of the Oxfordshire village, Juniper Hill, in the 1880's), and a first biographical essay, originally published in 1976, now extended and included in this wholly delightful A Country Calendar and other writings. The memoir now tells us much more about Flora Thompson's incompatible terrorism without making poli-tical martyrs. It is in this area in which the Government has shown restraint and done well, rather than in that of crisis decisious in which it has haid Flora Thompson's incompatible working in the post office at Grayshout (where initially she lodged with a murderer), and

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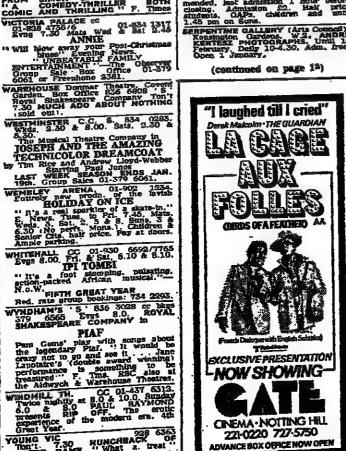
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THE ARTS

Lady Macbeth of the rising sun

Tamasaburo Bando is enhancing the ancient Kabuki tradition to acclaim both popular and critical. Ned Chaillet introduces the young

Japanese actor soon to be seen, on film, in Britain

Japan's most remarkable Lady Macbeth of recent years has just spent a month as Camille in a Tokyo production of La Dame aux camélias. In a film called Demon Pond-Yasha-gaike in Japanese-busy wending its way across the Pacific and through the United States to Britain, the same star has taken the challenge of both the major women's roles and appears as a spectral princess attended by goblins, and as the wife of the priest who keeps the demons at bay. There is no greater star on the Japanese stage nor more popular guest on television talk programmes. But Tamasaburo Bando has never been an ordinary starlet. He is instead a rigorously trained Kabuki actor, aged 29, who has upset traditionalists by taking his skills as an onnagata, a male actor of women's roles, from Kabuki into the modern theatre.

He has earned critical acclaim to go with his popular following, but the passion of his fans is extraordinary. From a Western standpoint it may come as a surprise that the come as a surprise tout the fans are overwhelmingly female, ranging from school-girls to matrons. The bighly skilled woman who interpreted my conversations with him concluded by asking for his autograph. "I don't think they autograph. "I don't think they are trying to learn how to act as women", he explained, rejecting a common assumption. "When I do a woman's role about a dream which belongs to all women they are shown the same yearnings which they possess. There might be a sense of relief that it is played by a man."

His Japanese producers realize what an asset he is to

lize what an asset he is to their bosiness and have pro-vided him with a graceless pro-tector who dresses in the garish check suits of failed Hollywood agents, but Tamasa-buro is inclined to wave away such protection and extend insuch projection and extend in-terviews or suggest further meetings when his agents have said he is busy. Out of his varieties of ferminine make-up he appears so a gentle and candid young man, hesitant perhaps in his criticism of the detractors who feel he has betrayed traditionalism, but open about his disappointment with Mashiro Shinoda's Demon Pond, a film of unusual visual extravagance that has all the subtlety of those Hollywood check suits.

sert to the first rushes as was kabuki can perceive the advantinable to eat for two weeks, cage. conveying beauty. Too end yet he is unduly barsh, often presumably desirable. His success is greater in the courtesans resemble nothing so role of the princess, where the fantastic elements bring him geant Bilkos in drag.



closer to the stylization of Kabuki, but his skills are apparent even in the role of the wife. There Shinoda's intended illusion of impossible feminine beauty never replaces the quite different effect of watching a man portray a woman, but the performance is

fascinaring.
Sexual ambiguity has always been a part of Japanese theatre. Women created the Kabuki in the sixteenth century but were banned from it when it became a vehicle for prostitution. In turn young men took it over, became prostitutes and were banned, and its main purpose again became art only when older men took control. Since then they have never relinquished authority, admitted women as performers or welcomed inpovation.

Tamesaburo is an innovator. As part of the post-war genera-tion, he is taller than most Kabuki portrayers of women subtlety of those Hollywood and also more attractive on stage. At the simplest level of change he would like the sets appointment is with his own to recognize his height, and self in the first rushes he was Kabuki can perceive the advan-

experiments in the modern theatre have given him ideas for staging which he would like to carry back to Kabuki despite the high resistance. Because tradition has such a firm hold, Tamasaburo would have no hope of success had he not been adopted into one of the leading Kabuki families when he was an infant.

His first appearance on the

stage was rather late, at the age of seven, but his training for womanly roles was as complete as a geisha's. It included dance and the traditional Japanese musical instruments, Japanese musical instruments, shamisen and koto; flower arranging, the tea ceremony and calligraphy. Though a Kabuki actor must finally choose, with advice, the type of character he will specialize in, the body's development makes the final decision. Tamesahuro's voice took a long time to finish changing, beginning at the age of 14, and it was only at 20 that he was confident that he would be able to speak as a woman. By the time he was 24, he was

conventions and play Lady To western roles he brings a

He would like the changes to range of techniques intended extend to new scripts and his to bridge the cultural differences. For Shakespeare he, theatre have given him ideas in common with many Japanfor staging which he would ese actors, finds the films of like to carry back to Kabuki Laurence Olivier a major sid. For thoroughness he accumulates materials on Shakespeare and studies gestures and the wearing of dresses. He listens to English recordings for the fluctuations of emotion and uses traditional Kabuki techniques for investigation and the statement of t niques for investigating a role:

"Just by looking at one picture we will my to acquire the interpretation of the particular actor in that picture. It is like an archaeologist excavating something ancient and recon-

structing the whole from that single clue." At times Japanese critics have felt that he has got too chillingly close to the original, uncannily approaching Vivian Leigh or Great Garbo, but it is a crisicism prompted by the recognition of his creativity in Kabuki, Ennosuke, the great Kabuki innovator of the previous repeatation who appeared saburo's excursions into confident enough to confront

Television

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The World About Us BBC 2

Fay Weldon

Two ways of making ethno-graphic film (for you and me, those rather didactic programmes which keep appearing on our screens about strange people in stranger places, pre-sented with great solemnity, and from which we seem expected to draw some kind of serious conclusion) and indeed of making any documentary. The first is to present what people do and keep quiet about it yourself. The second to pre-sent what people do while telling the audience all about it.

The one requires filmmaking skills of a high order (as in Brian Moser's superb series for Granada, The Vanishing World, now alas no longer with us, or John Perceval's Family of Man or any film by Roger' Graef) if total boredom is not to occur. The other requires showbiz skills and depends for its success (as in the BBCs Civilization, Ascent of Man, and so on) or otherwise on the in-

telligence and perspicacity or otherwise of the person who does the telling.

Bias, if not actual mendacity, is alleged of the other by the protagonists of each school: and of course, and thank heaven, can come from either. (The minute the cameraman points the camera, on this and not that, it's bias). And I say thank heaven because it is the very lack of bias required by the contemporary documentary maker, and the lack of passion, and animation that must go with it, that make so many painstaking and expensive docu-mentaries as dry as dust. Wisdom, as any viewer of teletext will tell you, is more than information. It requires feeling

information. It requires reeing and judgment too.

Tuesday's World About Usefilm Malay Magic—Spirit Doctor of Kalantan (now there is a title to yawn over, respectfully) mixed both disciplines and was certainly not as dry as disciplines and was certainly not as dry as disciplines. dust. A commentary of extreme banality—although at least urtering the new conventional wisdom, and not the old (by that I mean an unthinking and blanket acceptance that spells must be better than ECT, primitivism better than civilization, female madness a product of male oppression and so on)—was fortunately neutralized by the Bomah himself, the magician therapist, who, whenever he was allowed to get a word in edgeways, had wisdom

Bomah: you do not like to sit alone in the dark. Why? No tigers, no wars. You fear spirits! I certainly do. Had the entire programme been left to its participants, had they bean allowed to speak for themselves, to look their predicament and, act out their joys, had the camers stayed with faces rather than places, how much more work it would have been, and what a programme it would have made.

The spirit I fear is that of the old travelogue maker still hovering over Kensington hovering over Kensington House where the documentary vious generation who appeared House where the documentary at Sedler's Wells two years ago, speaks approvingly of headquerters: "And as the sun film and modern theatre, but goodbye to the Bomahs of the is what he does to keep Kabuki a living art that matters most.

Shakespeare Lady King's Head

Ned Chaillet

Fanny Kemble is one of those actresses who left more than the memory of a performance, writing plays as well as journals of her long life, from 1809 to 1893, that made a source of the century's history. In Estelle Kohler's portrayal of Kemble it is the life rather than the art that is emphasized, with a sturdy biographical linkage that carries her from a childish debut as judiet to her father's Romeo in Covent Ganden to her lonely death recorded by Henry James.

Miss Kohler performs the life with a narration by Bill Home-wood that connects the diary wood man connect the many entries and shapes them into biography. Because Kemble spread her life between England and the United States there is a lot of territory to cover and they choose, perhaps too emphatically, to focus on

too emphatically, to focus on the irony of her marriage to a slave owner in America while she herself espoused abolition and human rights.

Playing a legendary actress is always difficult. Such attention to the social concerns is per-haps a way to avoid the head-long confrontation with per-formance that must come formance that must come, although the hims of perform-ance in Miss Kohler's interpretation are not without their own

She has no difficulty in emphasizing the diery's ironies. She has a rueful smile that bares her teeth but rurns the corners of her mouth down, making the slightest doubt a flictation with tragedy. Her voice atways howers, quietly, on the edge of tragedy but if a line is comic she finds a way to

produce the laughter.

Mr Homewood roams the stage as a husband, Pierce Busier of Philadelphia, as an aspiring Romeo in Baltimore,

The Nederlands Dans Theater's

The Nederlands Dans Theater's young Springolank Company will make its Brinish debut next month during the Dance Umbrekle 80 featival. Their performances replace those originally scheduled by the Batlet of the Wuppertal Opera,

Under the Dance

Umbrella



Estelle Kohler, Bill Homewood

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Butler of Philadelphia as an authes a quoted description tained in the performance, of Kemble's: "Her features which means that emphatic charles Macready, the actor whose journals gave a different view of her performances than eyes look ever ready to contain as an emertainment.

whose appearances have been cancelled.

Springplank will perform new works by their missic director, Jiri Kylian, and by Christopher

Bruce, on February 22 to 24 at

The Dance Umbrella in-

cludes events in several London venues as well as in Bristol.

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Riverside Studios in

Photograph by Donald Coope

ber own recollections. What he does he does simply and effectively, but the interest of the performance is in Miss Kohler's contained power.

She uses her hands, which are none too beautiful, with beautiful expression. Her face much a support of a kie to consider a quested description.

Cardiff and Plymouth, and will Cardiff and Plymouth, and will last from January 21 to Misrch 22. Performers include the Danny Grossman Dance Company, from Canada, Pauline de Groot and Dancers, from Holland, a series of dancers from the United States and nearly a dozen Brutish groups. There will be workshops, films, master classes and seminars as well as the dance performances.

Beaux Arts Trio Oueen Elizabeth Hall

Joan Chissell

In the sphere of chamber music, no recording last year won higher praise than the Beaux Arts Trio's 14-disc collection of Haydn's piano trios. So it was good to have even a brief reminder of those riches on Tuesday before the team plunged into more turbulent nineteenth and twentieth cantury Russian waters.

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But the reminder was tentalizingly brief. As if to ensure
that the concert should end at
9.30 pm sharp, their choice fell
on one of the earlier E flat
trios, with no slow movement
between its opening allegro
moderato and concluding
presto assal. Limited responsibility for the cello further confirmed it as less than mature
Haydn. Many of us in that wellfilled hall might have preferred
something more substantial.

filled hall might have preferred something more substantial. The playing was as nimble as could be, though the finale was too fast for the clearest definition of detail.

Shostakovich's E minor and Tchailcovsky's A minor and Tchailcovsky's A minor arios completed the programme, both of them highly charged works breaking through the medium's traditional restrictions into near-orchestral realms of coer-

cion and colour. The Beaux Arts Trio certainly revelled in Shostakovich's scoring, and equality in every opportunity for rhychmic éien. But I am sure there are deeper undertones and subtler innoendoes in this work, written at the end of the Second World War, than were revealed on this occasion. Tempo was questionably fast in both the second movement, marked allegro non troppo, and the allegretto finale.

They even unticipated the quicker tempo of second subject territory in the opening movement. The pianist's sustained chords in the Largo were sometimes more forcefulbut the beautiful string canta-bile, especially from the cello, was heart-easing here.

The most powerful and per-sussive playing came after the interval in Tchaikovsky's memorial tribute to his pranist friend, Nicholas Rubinstein, This was enjoyable enough to make it hard to forgive the group's recourse to the finale's optional curs. Menahem Pressler perhaps deserves first praise for his dispatch of the boldly exacting piano part without upsetting balance. Isidore Coben and Bernard Greenhouse, the violinist and cellist, made all their nos-talgic melody smale through tears.

La Cage **ICA** 

Irving Wardle

The Théâtre de l'Arbe, a Parisbased multi-national troupe appearing as part of the Inter-national London Minus Festival, describe this 75-minute piece as a surrealist tragicomedy in-spired by Magritte.

True enough, there is a giant

trie enough, mere is a grant tribby hat suspended over the stage and a flight of doves at the end of the show, but if there is one element the entertainment lacks it is the interplay of dream imagery. Besides the hat, the setting consists of a bird-cage within a cage of human dimensions; and in case human dimensions; and in case anyone misses the point, a clock on the back wall measures the performance in real time, while the sounds of whistles, alerm-clocks and am-plified metronomes repeatedly halt the cast dead in their tracks and reduce them to

day's later editions

certainly know what they want to say, and they say it again and again. With a statement as all-inclusive as that, everything depends on the level of invention separating one blast on the police whistle from the next I chaired the smoothness of the three performers trans-formations from episode to episode but the material itself is as empty as Magritte's hat.

Two travellers shant their .. baggage through the legs of an autocratic customs official.

Then they string up a washing line between two suitcases only to have it snipped by the authorities. The official is metamorphosed into a menac-ing rock star who converses in nonsense American, and then into a boy in a sailor suit; whereupon the trio begin improvising a waitz only to be guined down, one by one, by the unseen enemy outside the

It is a slow evening with few recks and reduce them to kenglis, and few images worth remembering. Bring on the Yves Lebreton's company blazing tubes!

Some of the reviews on this page are reprinted from yester.

# The strange case of Labour's protected infiltrators

With the moderates appearing to have

It is not difficult to understand why Fleet Street has been fascinated by the story of the attempt by the "Militant tendency" to take over as much as it can of the Labour Party. it is a tale with a concrete plot that is easily grasped and presented. It is an action story, and above all it has documents which can be discovered and revealed, and whose attempted suppression is itself news.

Yet in essence it is not a new

story. Far from it. Sir Harold Wilson, when he was Prime Minister, warned the Labour conference in 1975 of extremist "infestation" of the constituency organizations and at successive annual Labour conferences since then, the infiltration of the "Trots" has

been a cause fo<del>r</del> concern. of attempts to oust moderate MPs in which the Militant tendency has been heavily involved. This year a climax was reached when the extremists secured their conference victory for the compulsory reselection of Labour MPs, as well as for giving authority over the Labour manifesto to the left-wing National Executive Committee, instead of the par-

Committee, instead of the parliamentary leadership.

The emergence of material from old reports on Militant infiltration has usefully put flesh on the bones of an old story, thanks to the request of Mr Neville Sandelson, himself a beleaguered Labour moderate MP, that they should be published, and similar insistence by Lord Underhill, who was Labour's National Agent at the time, and who is familiar with the suppressed evidence. The NEC having refused, Lord Underhill has refused, Lord. Underhill has

been going it alone. Yet the danger is that the focus of press attention on the Militant tendency will distract attention from the real questions: why and how have the Trouskyist infiltrators been protected for so long by the NEC?
The short answer is, of course, that the NEC itself is now in the hands of a left-wing majority (though not at all of a Trotskyist variety) as a result of the left's success in recent years in taking control of a number of important unions and of constituency parties, and thus dominating

increasingly little to say that carries conviction there is a vacuum in the centre of Labour thinking

the party conference which elects the NEC.

In this way, a situation has In this way, a situation has been created in sharp courast to that of the 1950s, when a moderate NEC and moderate unions were the bulwark of a moderate parliamentary party. This answer, however, does not explain what lies beneath the surface facts. Indeed, this in the accellent arthraphically horses.

is not easily explicable because here there are no documents to be revealed and "facts" are hard to come by. There is only a mass of circumstantial evidence provided by the actions and statements by individuals. to a concrete strategy are the least likely to risk their thoughts on paper; others, including those who are most useful to the clear-sighted because they are bridge-builders, probably have no completely thought-out place of

What they do have is a response to a prevailing climate in the party and a general sense of direction. Some take it them towards political power in the future; others because they are responding for one reason or another to the same principle as that which animated their predecessors in the 1930s—the conviction (to borrow the words of Mr A. J. P. Taylor in his account of the Labour Party

n this period) that there are no enemies on the left.". This is the dominant conviction on the NEC today. There some who are for all practical purposes communists, which is not the same thing as saying that they belong to any party of that name; others are Marxist in broad sentiment, and while they profess to believe that the government of deal with the unions over wages the Soviet Union is a deforma- and inflation last winter.



Lord Underbill going it alone

tion of their creed, they would recoil with dismay if asked to agree that the replacement of that system would be beneficial to those who have to live under Russian communism.

In the House of Commons this week, despite Afghanistan, we had Mr Frank Allaun (a member of the NEC) telling the Prime Minister that we should\_take a softer line towards Russia over defence. No enemies on the left, indeed!

The success of the left arises in part from the failure since 1964 of the kind of social democracy attempted by Sir Harold Wilson and Mr Callagham to deliver reasonable prospericy, or to control the mixed economy, culminating in the collapse of the attempt to

With the Labour moderates appearing to have increasingly little to say that carries conviction, there is a vacuum in the centre of Labour thinking, just as there was in the 1930s after Ramsay Macdonald, finding that he could not manage the economy on Labour terms, joined the National Government, taking countless Labour voters, though very few party members, with him.

What followed was the period of the Popular Front mentality; of the intellectual ideas of Laski and Strachey (both virtu-ally communists). From this Labour was only rescued when the war gave the moderate leaders a share of responsibility and office, which won them their 1945 landslide.

We are now back with the "popular front" or united left mentality again, and it is this and the use made by the clearer-sighted hard-line Marxists of the Militant tendency that should concern us more than the destrict of the militants. than the details of the militants' plotting.

What matters is the alliance of the old hard-line left (who used to be called fellow-travellers) with clever bridge-builders like Mr Eric Heffer, and with Mr Wedgwood Benn and with Mr Wedgwood Benn with Mr (who though not a Marxist himself, sprang to defend the appointment of the Trotskyist Mr Andy Bevan as Labour's National Youth Officer), (His argument was that Marxism was part of Labour's intellectual heritage—as though there were no distinction between a transmuted intellectual heritage of this sort and calculated infil-tration by undiluted Marxists.)

All these have sought to protect the Militant tendency in its clever device of avoiding infringement of party rules against separate organizations

on the readership and circula-tion structure of its newspaper. Why has their been no reaction to the Militants' control of Labour's Young Socialists? Why is information about Milinot activities suppressed? It is not that the Militan tendency on its own could achieve much. It is questionable whether the Trots could oust any Labour MPs on their own; they are certainly not strong enough to substitute strong enough to substitute their own replacements for the ousted. The "Trots" remain deeply divided into factions, as they have been since the end of the war, between those who ope for infiltration ("entryism"), those who prefer extra parlia-mentary and on-the-street activities, and those who think in terms of their own candidates and organization. The

stand power, but they are useful to those who do.

They can, for instance, recruit young people to their cause when the more disciplined hard-left cannot, and they can employ the recruits on dis-ruptive action that the traditional left can then exploit. They can act as a kind of commando outfit when an attack is to be launched on a moderate Labour MP. Not least, they can distract attention from the old hard-left which secured the united left dominance of the party in the years before 1970, when the parliamentary leader-

"Trots" do not really under

Distracting attention is, in-deed, what the revelations about deed, what the revelations about the "Trots" are doing now. The Militants are taking the odium, but what about the old hard left which remains unchal-lenged and its atavistic sympa-thies umprobed? In a way, one-can understand why the hard left escapes so easily. They do not, after all, have to wage war to get control of the Labour Party.

ship was too busy with office

Party,

By their manipulation of a variety of elements at a time of deep national and party distillusion, they are on the brink of controlling it already, and their dominance remains effectively unchallenged. What, in these circumstances, are the moderates to do? I shall discuss some of their options next week.

# The collapse of America's 'generation of peace'

In a television interview broadcast on New Year's eve, President Carter said that the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan "has mede a more dramatic thange in my opinion of what the Soviets' ultimate goals are, than anything they've done in the previous time that I've been in office". The President was clearly ourraged, much as Mr Neville Chamberlain was outraged in September, 1939, when he announced on the wireless that he had discovered that Herr Hitler was not a rea-

that Herr Hitler was not a rea-sonable statesman after all.

The comparison is unkind,
but necessary. The one
redeeming consequence of the
Iranian and Afghan catastrophes is that they may, at
last, have woken up the President and public opinion to the
complete failure of a decade's
forceign policy. foreign policy.
In the early seventies, Presi-

dent Nixon and Dr Kissinger promised us "a generation of peace". They believed that their negotiations with the Soviet Union, combined with a staunch defence of American interests across the globe, would end the cold war once and for all. They were the apostles of detente.

They were less easily gulled by Soviet promises, and took Soviet actions more seriously, than Senator McGovern or, later, Mr Andrew Young and Mr Cyrus Vance. President Ford and Dr Kissinger wanted to try to stop the Soviet annex-ation of Angola and were thwarted by Congress. They went through the motions of trying to save South Viet-nam, Cambodia and Laos in 1975 but acquiesced in

nam, Cambodia and Laos in 1975 but acquiesced in Congress's refusal to help. Behind it all, they believed that a real accommodation with the Soviet Union was possible. Those crucial eight years during which Soviet defence expenditure accelerated 5 per cent annually while American defence expenditure stagnated, were Republican years. Just before leaving office, Mr Ford et last called for a real increase in defence spend-ing, but neither he nor his secretary of state ever recog-nized that detente with a country that is arming itself to the reach is a contradiction in terms. They signed the Hel-sinkl agreement, and watched with indifference as Russis

ignored its provisions. Mr Carter, of course, came into office with a promise to Patrick Brogan on the failure of a decade of American

United Nations Ambassador Mr Andrew Young, thought the Cubans were a stabilizing influence on Africa, and the Americans did nothing to stop the communization of Ethiopia, Aden and Afghanistan.

foreign policy

The continuing expansion of the Sovier arsenal continued. In Ethiopia, the Russians airlifted an entire armoured division over a range of impassable mountains, putting it down in the desert in the rear of the Somalis, who were thus defeated. Mr Carter cancelled

the B-1 bomber.

The Americans were not the only ones who reversed the old aphorism, and watched what the Russians said, not what they did. In the 1960s, after all, Britain bad a ministr for

The time has now come, in Washington's view, for the European allies and Japan to realize that their vital intere are involved in the Middle East crisis—and because of their dependence, particularly Japan's on Middle East oil, the word vital is for once accurate.

For the first time, America has suggested that Japan should look to its own defence, and the Europeans are being told that American power may no longer be enough to protect them. The 1980s are going to be exceedingly dangerous and Europe may have to build a real defence. Whether it will do so depends in large part on the consistency of American leadership. Mr Carter's dithering over the neutron bomb was a bad omen.

Mr Nixon, Mr Ford and Dr Kissinger bear a heavy responsibility for advocating the doctrine that negotiating skill and "linkage" would keep the Russiaus in order and

had a defence capability second to none were enough to enough to ensure continued arity with the Soviet Union Mr Nixon abolished the draft.

Then came Mr Jimmy Carter. His diplomacy over three years had been a sistory of disasters, with the one, glowing exception of the Camp David treaty. On that occasion President Sadar, rightly foreseeing the coming storm, and recognizing that his only hope was an American alliance, set. was an American alliance, set-tled his quarrel with Israel, Mr Carter persuaded Israel to

Shortly after taking office, Mr Carter thought that the Russians might be willing to reduce their armaments sub-stantially if he asked nicely, he did, and they weren't. Then he invited them to take part in settling the Middle East problems. They were delighted at the idea, which was vetted by Egyptians and Israelis alike. They engineered communist coups in Aden and Afghanis. mn. The Seychelles went early in 1977.

President Carter decided that human rights were the most important thing for American foreign policy, and therefore set about offending a number of minor dictatorships, while praising important ones. He praised the Shah of Iran effusively (for which the Iranians have not foreign him). But have not forgiven him). But the following summer, 1978, when it became apparent that the Shah's days were num-bered, could not decide whether to support him to the limit or to dirch him, finding some tough-minded general to

> Iran is the greatest defeat for American policy since the fall of Saigon in 1975

As a result, of course, the Shah was overthrown and rep-laced by the implacable Ayato-lah. Mr Carter tried to ingrariate himself with the new regime by selling refined oil products and food, and by expressing willingness to pursue relations at any level the Ayatollah wanted.

The revolution in Iran clearly the greatest defeat for American foreign policy since the fail of Saigon in 1975. Indeed, its consequences may be much more serious. It may take a war to save the Middle East from communism, which is a prospect grim enough to deant anyone. We will see soon enough whether President Certer will face that prospect and whether the American people will follow him.

What was to be a "genera-tion of peace" at the begin-ning of the decade had narrowed down to Sait 2 by the second of it. The argument in Selt's favour is that, if it is nuclear spending and preserve some sort of parity between fails, then Russis might soon have a clear superiority over 🤄 America in strategic as conventional weapons.

The argument against it is that it enshrines American inferiority and that a nation that behaves as Russia has done across the world in the past few years cannot be trusted in a matter so important as strategic arms. Mr Carter has abandoned Salt 2. The last surviving fragment of detente.

The crisis in the Middle East is just beginning, and Mr Carter will lay out a "Carter doctrine" to deal with it. "Thus far and no farther" he will say and then propose concrete measures to make the warning credible. Meanwhite, President Tito is dying in Ljubljana, and the firmness of America's reaction to the invasion of Afghanistan will certainly be taken into account by the Russians as they look at

the Balkans. In 1976, Mr Carter said "I don't believe that our security

### Bernard Levin

# A gold for walking out of the Games I have long been of the opinion

EEC to the Soviet occupation of deavour. But as I said yesterday, there Alghanistan makes me almost despair is one useful action the West can of freedom itself. Of course, no take, and which, even given the genserious observer of the international eral unwillingness to take more posiscene would expect the French to tive steps, might still be agreed upon. behave in any way other then the It is to ensure that the 1980 Olympics most dishonourable that the situation permits, but the speech of M François-Poncet in which he argue that as America did not normally measures would in any case bring smally hutter to the Savier Thairs most dishonourable that the situathe EEC would not be undermining the American position by keeping up its own sales of surplus butter, went even further than expectation. But the rest of the EEC, with the exception of Britain, behaved little better It is clear that the discussion was invasion was nothing to do with Europe, and that if the United States wanted to do something about it, Europe had no higher duty than to refrain from actively hindering her

Elsewhere in Brussels, the Nato ministers likewise confined them-selves to the view that some appropriate words would be a sufficient response to the aggression, and that to accompany the words by any kind of deeds would be inopportune. Much credit goes to Britain's representatives at the two meetings Mr Douglas Hurd at the EEC and Sk Fan Gilmour at Nato-for their forth-right and strenuous efforts to achieve unity and action, as indeed it goes to Mrs Thatcher and Lord Carring-ton for the speed and strength of their reaction to the invasion, and the persistence with which they are fighting to persuade the morec raven, risionless and treacherous of our allies that it is our crisis just as much

people as a whole the fact that their eaders have led them into dangerous paths for no good reason, and have been lying abour it ever since. If the Soviet people go hungry because of a shortage of Western grain, it will not be the first time they have gone hungry, and in any case they are unlikely to connect the cause with the effect. The same is true, mutatis mutantis, of any embargo on technology, and generally of almost all the measures that have been acted. the measures that have been acted upon, proposed or considered.

The cancellation of the Olympics however, is another matter. By now it is safe to say, every inhabitant of every part of the Soviet Union, apart from infams too young to understand, knows that the Olympiad is to take place in their country, that athletes from virtually every country in the world will be taking part, and that Soviet competitors have a very good chance of carrying off many of the medals. It would be quite impossible for the Soviet leader to concent from for the Soviet leaders to conceal from their people the fact that the Olym-pics had been cancelled, and if the countries of Nato and the EEC pulled out, together with say, Australia, New Zealand, China, Japan, Spain, Austria and a few of the nations of Latin America and the Middle East, the Soviet Union would be virtually

Now: why should we take such action, how can we do so, and what good would it do? My own feeling is that the 1980 Olympics should never have been awarded to the Soviet Union in the first place. Indeed, if the International Olympic Committee bothered to apply its own rules, the Soviet Union could not have been chosen for the games, as Soviet Olympic athletes are, almost if not entirely without exception, professionals. (But the international Olympic Committee doesn't seem very interested in the rules; Mr Trudeau broke them by excluding the Taiwan team from the Montreal Games, and was allowed to get away with it.)

> case for refusing the games to the Soviet Union. The hideous and exactly parallel case of the Berlin Olym-pics of 1936 should have been sufficient warning for the world; the only instance in the worlds history of tyranny that compared in svil to the Soviet one was then allowed to stage festival devoted to innocence, peace individual achievement and friendly rivalry, and to turn it into a huge propagands advertisement on behalf of Nazism. As a matter of fact, on that occasion there was an excuse; the games were awarded to Berlin in the early summer of 1932, before Hitler had even come into power, let alone before the full horrors of Nazism were apparent. But when the 1980 Olympics were given to Moscow, the full horror of Soviet Communism had been known, in the uttermost depths of its evil for much more than a human generation; the concentration-camps, the tyranny pervading every aspect of life, the

It is not, however, necessary to rely

who wish to emigrate, the cruelty, the imperialist oppression beyond the Soviet borders, the censorship of every published word-all these were known in the greatest possible detail, and so, for that matter, was the officially encouraged anti-semitism, in case it is necessary to make the parallel even closer.

in Moscow that no western news-papers or magazines will be allowed into the Soviet Union during the games; their present policy, of barring all press material from parting all press material from abroad other than approved com-munist publications (a breach, inci-dentally, of the Helsinki Agreement) will be maintained. Visitors from abroad will therefore be unable to read their own press; it is worth remarking that not even Richer went as far as that in the Berlin Games.

· All this goes for nothing; the Soviet Union wanted the Games for prestige and propagands, and sot them. It was, in the circumstances, hardly matter for surprise when, in due course, word filtered out that the 1980 Olympic mascer (a cuddly little beat) was being made by slave labour in Soviet concentration-camps, and even less surprising that the Inter-national Olympic Committee took no action even then.

Now, ironically enough in the wake of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, they have no tresh ground for taking action, because the invasion by the

more be tengibly, and not just and as long proclaimed my belief, verbally, rebuked, it must be by the that the Soviet people are not fools. ection of individual competing

The Olympic nations of the world have varying arrangements for organizing their athletes' participation. In Britain the government has no power to forbid British athleses to take part (short of such unthinkpassports), but the Brisish Olympic Committee, if its members were so minded and it were part of an international joint action, could and

should call off Brisish participation. At present they are still intoning their idiotic masters "Politicsmusthekeptourofsport" like a witch-doctor casting spells, but it is not entirely impossible that they might acquire a backbone or two in the coming months and join in a general move.

Of course, leadership will have to come from the United States, but at the moment leadership is coming from the United States. Though the from the United States. Though the games are still a good many months off, time is not on our side; the newer we get to the Olympiad, the greater will be the pressure to let it go on, and the weaker will be the sense of ourrage at the Soviet invasion. So we must harry if it is to be done; it can be done; now, what good would it do if it were done? First, of course, it would deprive the Soviet Union of a signature Feast of Propaganda. Second, it would be a token—only that, true, but an important one—of the world's anger at Brezinner's Hitlerian aggression and of its determination to make

Olympic host nation of one of its neighbours is not something proinjuited by the rules of the games. If the games are to be called off, as a means of showing the world's is the most important, indeed the displeasure of the investor, and of overwhelmingly important, one.

Millions of them know that they suffering; many even know that there is a world elsewhere. Very few of them are brave enough to do or even say anything about this knowof their silence, for only a hero may call on another man to be heroic. But if their leaders had to admit that the Olympic Games, of which the Soviet people have been hearing day in and day out for four full years, were being cancelled. I do not believe that any amount of telling of any number of lies would serve to stop millions of the Soviet people tens of millions this time from taking the first silent, docile step, inside their bearts and minds, towards the full knowledge of the nature of the system they live and suffer under. I believe that for many and that for these the next one would and that for these the next one would be in the open. But that is not necessary; if a nation has begun to revolt in its heart then the thing against which the heart has turned is as a house built upon sand.

If that it so, then the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan could be the most disastrous step our enemies have taken for decades. But only, as said yesterday, if the West unites. remain united, and acts. The unity is to hand; much action has already been taken; now let us yow that this crowning action shall be taken. too, in full unity of purpose and full knowledge of what it could mean.

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### **ARTS DIARY**

### Mr West tries his hand

at management The actor-manager has become an almost extinct creature in an amust extinct creature in these days of theatre companies run by directors, but the idea of combining performances with the artistic direction of

the Old Vic does not worry Timothy West. "The stage does not seem to be a bad place to run a company from ; you have your finger on the pulse of what the audience and the company

He thought performers were getting tired of "the hired actor syndrome" and wanted a bir more say in the world in which they worked. He also wanted to direct more himself but had found it difficult on a freelance basis. "After three years of thinking I'm something

of a director, I have only done one lunchtime play and a couple of recitals". So he is deserting television and bending his energies to the difficult task of succeeding Toby Robertson at the Old Vic. Some plans have already been dropped: there will now not be any Old Vic productions until the end of the summer,

partly due to finance and partly to ensure that the relaunch of the company does not go off' at half steam ".

involve three acting companies, performing in London, on tour in Britain and on a big series of foreign tours. Among the plays will be Macbeth, with Peter O'Toole, and a production of Trelauney of the Wells, to celebrate the 100th amiversary of the opening of the Old Vic in its present form. In the meantime Mr West has started rehearsals for what has started rehearsals for what is virtually a one man show, Beecham, which opens at the Apollo on January 29. Although physically unlike the conductor, he is already beginning to look the part, and the square jaw of the television Churchill is disappearing behind a Beecham goatee.

### Musicians and the blacking rule

Members of the Musicians'
Union who are unhappy about
the policy which prevents nonunion conductors from also
playing with chamber orchestras, will have a chance to air
their views at a special meeting next month.

The eventual programme will

George Malcolm are among the non-union members who have regularly directed. orchestras from the keyboard but are now being blacked from playing alongside union mem-

There have been protests about the policy, and also sug-gestions that it was causing members to lose concert and recording work, and so the union's Central London branch is holding a consultative meeting about the subject on Feb-

The branch secretary Bernard Patris said: "We have got to respond to the comments of members and others. There are obviously several points of view: some members have been concerned that it could affect them; others take the view that the rules should be more strongly enforced."

If the meeting makes any recommendation for a change of rule or policy, he said this

### would go to a regular branch meeting and could then go to national level for consideration. Censored plays in the vaults

It has always seemed a sad ext month. loss when a completed tele- from the US.

Christopher Hogwood and vision play is banned. Produc- strikes again.

tions recognized as fine drama go unseen because they are deemed unsuitable for family audiences.

However many such pro grammes are finding a home where they will be available for viewing, at least on a limited basis. The National Film Archive is fast expanding its television collection and among its recent acquisitions are such banned plays as Brimstone and Treacle, Censored Scenes from King Kong, Scum and Hang Up Your Brightest Colours—The Life and Death of Michael Col-

While would still be needed for theatrical showings, most of the plays can be seen by researchers and other interested individuals.

A delegation of senior theatre

officials from China is spending three weeks in Britain, viewing everything from Evita to Amadeus. However, for fear of embarrassment, the British Council has dropped one visit from their original itinerary: a performance of Richard III at the Roundhouse by the Russian Council of R from the USSR. Afghanistan



Are we wearing long or

Alas for Christmas dreams: Andrew Faulds, the Labour Party's art spakesman, believes I was misleading in my report about possible Labour plans for the arts, "Dreaming of a future cornucopia". He wants it asphasized that these were simply ideas under consideration and do not, in any way, represent

### Music for a leaning tower

MacMallan's new ballet, Isadora, Although the full-length work will not be seen at Covent Garden until April next year, MacMallan needs the music a year early so he can begin the detailed choreography.

Once leaders is complete, the composer will be turning his hand to a work for harp and strings which will receive its premiers in a little village church in Norfolk. The choice of Burnham

Market as the venue was made by a plea from an old friend of his, Lady Margaret Douglas-Home, who runs a concert sense in the village, She started the concerts in 1975, to raise money for the church restoration fund, and has combined young performers with the presentation of a new work each year.

The tower of the church was falling down because of dry rot."
she said, but the success of the
concerts enabled them to carry out repairs.

The only trouble is that the adjacent tower is now settling.

"It looks as if it is toppling over." So the fund-raising concerts look set to continue for

### Richard Rodney Bennett is in New York working "eli out" All change for to finish the music for Kenneth Telford & Co

When Can You Hear Me at the Back? finishes at the Piccadilly Theatre next month, Peter Barkworth and Hennah Gordon have a common intention: they want a break—both have been working solidly since they started the television series Teljord's Change almost two years

ford's Change almost two years ago.

For Hannah Gordon, it will be an opportunity to look for something other than the naturalistic drama she has been doing recently. She certainly would not mind, some film work: she developed a taste for it efter a small paer in the Elephant Man, which is being made in London.

White Paers Barkworth wents to do note belevision, and would also not say no to film work, he will be devoting nuch

book About Acting, is due out in April, and he is working on another, provisionally entitled An Actor's Diary.

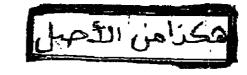
more time to writing. His first

"I started writing diaries seriously in 1968; I wanted to record what it was like to be an actor", he said. "I write every morning while I'm having breakfast."

He was not sure how the book would work out. "I don't even know if it is interesting. I have written millions of words and I need a lot of time to read it and effects." to read it and sift it." However, he was clear that the book would not be at all glamorous. "It will emphasize the hard work and the depressions actors go through."

After the closure in the West End last week of the play Twoo, Alec McCowen is crossing the river to the National Theatre. He last performed with the company in two memorable productions at the Oid Vic, Equan and The Missothrope; this time he will be appearing in a Rational doubleappearing in a Rattigen double-bill, The Browning Version and Bartoquiande.

> Martin Hucherby



# THE IDEA OF A CENTRE PARTY

The British accept the arguments for a centre party but they are not yet ready actually to have one. That would seem to be the conclusion that should be drawn from the survey done by ORC for The Tines. We commissioned the survey following Mr Roy Jenkins's Dimbleby lecture, to examine the support for some of the propositions which were advanced or implied in his speech. The main arguments which he employed are accepted by substantial or very large majorities in the poll.

Although a small majority of Conservatives still believe that our present political system is working properly, both Labour and Liberal supporters believe that it is no longer working properly, by majorities of two to one. The overall majority for the view that the Labour Party is moving too far to the left is almost three to one, and almost half of Labour supporters themselves take that view. A smaller majority consider that the Conservative Party is moving too far to the right; that includes twenty-one per cent of Conservative supporters. Seventy-five per cent of those questioned agree with the proposition that the trade unions have too much power over the Labour Party and only seventeen per cent disagree. Seventy-two per cent would like a proportional reform of the electoral system and only thirteen per cent are opposed. There is indeed a substantial majority for electoral reform among supporters of all three parties.

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These figures show con-clusively that the arguments which Mr Jenkins used are regarded as valid by large majorities of the British people. When it comes to putting these arguments to any political effect attitudes are sympathetic but much less clear. Less than a third are opposed to the idea of the formation of a centre party as such. Forty-two per cent of the electorate say that they would support the Liberals at a General Election if they thought they had a reasonable chance of winning. This is a statistic found before in opinion polling but the effect of a coalition of the centre would be to strengthen the belief that the Liberals could win. The Liberals have a problem not of sympathy but of credibility.

appear that a Lib-Lab coalition would be able to gain an immediare majority. On the other hand the figures do suggest that a Lib-Lab coalition might expect to hold the balance in a hung parliament. The advocates of a centre party could also take comfort from the fact that in this hypothetical election they come quite close to the Conservative and Labour parties. Labour 31 per cent, Conservative 29, centre party 23 would not be a satisfactory finishing position—though it is a higher percentage than the Liberal Party has in fact gained since the 1920s-but it would not be a bad starting position in an

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election campaign. The Labour Party can also take comfort from this poll. A centre party, even if constructed from the right wing of the Labour Party, appears to draw almost as much support from the Conservatives as from Labour, and would at present leave Labour as just the largest party. The Labour Party can also be gratified that the public are strongly opposed to the idea of the Labour Party splitting. Even among Conservatives there is a majority against; only fourteen per cent of Labour voters think that a split would be a good thing. That does not mean that a split might not bappen, but it does indicate the reluctance with which Labour voters would support it. No one wants the Labour Party to split, and no split will happen unless the left attempt to assert a hegemony

over the moderates. It is very likely that Britain is due for another Liberal revival. The figures of Liberal support in the opinion polls are already edging upwards; the political climate seems at least as favourable to the Liberals as it did in January, 1971, six months into the last Conservative government. A major Liberal revival followed, as it had at the time of Torrington and Orpington. Yet the possibi-lity, and indeed desirability, of a centre party taking part in that revival would seem to turn on future developments in the two major parties. If the Labour under a new leader, Party, moved back towards the main stream of British politics, the

When one looks at the threat of a split in the Labour prospects for a centre party in a Party could be climinated. If hypothetical election, it does not the Labour Party continue to move to the left, they will be stretching the clustic near to or beyond its breaking point.

For the Conservative Party there is no substitute for success in government, If the Conservative Government are even reasonably successful in reducing inflation and in their general handling of the economy, Mrs Thatcher will win and will deserve to win the next General Election. From the national point of view that is highly desirable. The public view that the Conservative Party is too far to the right is still much weaker than the view that the Labour Party is too far to the left, yet economic failure would undoubtedly turn voters away from the Conservatives. If the Labour Party go further left, and Conservative economic policy fails, a centre alternative becomes a necessity, and also becomes possible. But neither of those two conditions yet exists.

There are however two points which have emerged from this poll to which all politicians ought to give serious and urgent consideration. They are two points on which public opinion shows over seventy per cent agreement. One is the issue of proportional representation, supported by a majority of more than five to one: the other is the issue of trade union power-in this case trade union power over the Labour Party-where majority who regard it as excessive is over four to one.

Electoral reform and trade union reform are the great issues on which the public is right and both the big parties are wrong. What is more they stand together. Effective trade union reform requires a permanent majority to support it. Under a reformed electoral system a permanent majority for a fair trade union law would inevitably come into existence. There would then be no point in the trade unions trying to reject the law, because they would have no reason to expect that they would be able to find a parliamentary majority to repeal it. These two major reforms are essential. If a centre narty were to come into existence it would be of no value unless it were fully committed to both of

# A POLITICAL FIXTURE TO BE SCRATCHED

training for the Moscow Olym-pics, and athletic bureaucrats lowed by the creation of the who have spent years preparing the arrangements for them, are understandably irritated when, a mere seven months before they are due to start, there is talk of cancelling or boycotting them.
They feel that, once again,
politics is trying to interfere with harmless sport.

This notion that politics is something apart, a specialised area of life which concerns politicians but is irrelevant to ordinary people and their activities, is very widespread but quite illusory. All organized human activity is by definition political, and any internationally organized activity impinges on international relations in general. This was clearly recognized by the founder of the modern Olympic movement, Baron de Coubertin, who hoped that the Games would advance "the spirit of international comity". International sporting events, rightly used, can indeed promote better international relations. The corollary is that, wrongly used, they can also affect things for the worse. When that is the case, it is better to do without

them. It is now generally agreed that was the case in 1936, and that to allow the Olympics of that year to go ahead in Berlin was a mistake. It enabled Hitler to demonstrate to the German people, and to foreign govern-ments still hesitating how to treat him, that he had got away internationally both with his treatment of the Jews and with the reoccupation of the Rhineland in flagrant breach of the Versailles and Locarno treaties.

Rome-Berlin Axis.

If this year's Olympics so shead in Moscow as normal, the Soviet Union will similarly have got away with the seizure of its interventions in Hungary in 1956 and Czechoslovakia in 1968. The peoples of the Soviet Union will be left with the impression that all is well; that their country is not merely powerful but generally respected and enjoys the friendship of the entire world: which of course is exactly the impression that their rulers in the Kremlin want them

to have.

The decision to hold the Games in Moscow was taken in 1974, when detente was in its heyday. At that time we said it was "on balance good" that Moscow had been chosen, hoping it would promote free and genuine contact between the Russians and other peoples. By 1978 it was clear that, in spite of the Helsinki Final Act, human rights were not blossoming in the Soviet Union. If anything they were being more harshly suppressed. We warned then that western public support for an open door policy would rapidly die away if political repression in the Soviet Union continued to intensify, and that the Olympics could then be in danger. Since then political repression has certainly not lessened, and it has for some time been obvious that the Moscow Olympics were going to be an embarrassing event for free men and women to take part in. But until December 26 it was at least arguable that to withdraw would be more embarrassing and more

Athletes who have spent years. It was not pure coincidence that harmful than to go on. The flagrant aggression against Afghanistan has decisively tipped the balance of argument the other way.

Ideally the Games should be moved to somewhere else. If that is not possible at this late ald he simply can celled. Lord Killanin says his committee cannot do that, because it would involve breaking contracts. But the Soviet action in Afghanistan has broken more than contracts. The fact is that Lord Killanin's committee can take the decision if it has the will, and most of its members are well aware that sport is not outside the realm of politics. If the problem is the financial damages that would be incurred, then surely governments would underwrite them.

If the International Committee will not take this decision, the British Olympic Committee should take the decision to pull out. The government cannot and should not take the decision for them but it should, as in the case of the British Lions South African tour, make its position very clear. Certainly there should be no question of the Duke of Edinburgh or any other member of the Royal Family gracing Moscow with their presence. Mr Vance believes that in America "if the govern-ment expressed its views, our citizens would follow that view." Things are not so simple here, and that is just as well. But certainly each responsible sporting body concerned, and each individual athlete or would-be spec-tator, would have an obligation to consider carefully any views on this subject that the government puts forward.

From Mr Jeremy Gann Sir, You may be thinking that British Rail is only discriminating against rush-hour bicycles.

As I was boarding the 14.03 pm "Inter-City 125" at Exeter St David's bound for Paddington it was sterrily announced: "Please stand clear, this train does not stop here; it is a crew change." Clearly their it is a crew change." Clearly their underlying philosophy is that stop-

minutes. Yours faithfully, JEREMY GANN,

Vox pop

From Mrs S. Colbran Sir, I have been ignoring articles on Militant Tendency thinking it to be a pop group. Another lost

From the Chairman of the Joint Central Committee of the Police Federation of England and Wales Sir, I am prepared to accept a magisterial rebuke from The Times

Dying in police custody

leader, January 14) if it is justified by the facts. When, however, the criticism of myself and other police officers who have chosen to speak up on behalf of the service is based on misrepresentation of the views expressed, some response is called for-

On a point of simple fact, I have not made any public comment on the circumstances surrounding the death of Mr James Kelly. I have triticised people who have jumped to conclusions before the police inquiry was completed, before the Director of Public Prosecutions made his decision, and before the inquest had heard the evidence. My speech at Liverpool, to which you appeared to be referring, was in response to a vociferous campaign which alleged that police brutality was widespread among members of the Merseyside Police. As to the specific question of deaths in police custody, may I set out the position as we see it?
In 1978, there were 562,100 cases of persons being arrested by the police, of whom 24 died either in custody or after removal to hospital. restingly of after removal to hospital 10 years something like four million people have been in police custody, of whom 245 have died. In two cases, those of Mr Liddle Towers and Mr James Kelly, there has been considerable public concern and serious allegations have been made. serious anegations have been made. So far as I am aware, no such allegations have been made in respect of the other cases, save one case in 1976 where a recent court decision rejected allegations against

The question of deaths in custody first arose some two years ago, perhaps because of the Liddle Towers case. The then Home Secrequestion, setting out the known figures. Nothing more was heard until Mr Michael Meacher, MP, raised the issue again towards the end of 1979. At the time, Mr Macher was conducting a comparing Meacher was conducting a campaign in support of his proposal that independent observers should be appointed to make unamounced inspections of police stations to ensure that prisoners were being

properly treated.

I do not know of any police officer who would dissent from the view that even one death caused by unnecessary use of violence by the police would be a matter for concern. My objection is to the use of the total figure of deaths in custody over the last 10 years to suggest that these indicate the possibility, if not the probability, of widespread maltreatment of prisonera.

The care and custody of police prisoners in every force is conducted under standing instructions which are more specific, and demand more

Because of the curs we are permit-bed to perform only 21 more opera-tions between now and March 31. Our programme has been arranged to deal with the 21 most urgent cases selected from our waiting list, but we cannot make provision for

unforeseeable emergencies.

A macabre position has therefore

A macabre position has therefore arisen whereby some of these already urgent cases have had their their operations cancelled to allow us to deal with emergencies requiring immediate surgery. Unlike those cases awaiting renal transplant the patient with an impending coronary thrombosis has no machine which can be used to buy time. Thus the good risk case becomes a poor risk and the poor risk becomes a desperate one.

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I do not know what will happen to these people who are slipping farther and feather down the queue, but I am sure their prospects of a return to health cannot be good. The evils that arise from these restrictions are abundantly clear to me and my colleagues but nowhere can I get any idea of how much money will in fact be saved by the cuts.

by the cuts.

A heart operation has never been costed at King's so we do not know how much is being "saved".

Meanwhile the whole team waits in enforced idleness, prevented from doing the work which we know is unwently needed by our nationts.

unwently needed by our patients. All this is done in the name of

a saving which has not even been vaguely calculated and is probably

mericulous abedience, than anything else which takes place inside a police station. A very great personal responsibility rests upon all officers who, for the time being, are in charge of police cells. Every force requires prisoners to be visited at frequent intervals. There are instructions to be followed in the case of any prisoner who, on being raken into custody, shows sign of injury or illness. The drunker

prisoner poses special problems and requires additional supervision. When, notwithstanding all sensible precautions, a prisoner dies. sensione precautions, a prisoner dies, or is found to have injured himself or sustained injury whilst in custody, a most searching inquiry is conducted to ascertain whether duty officers have carried out their responsibilities. It is in the knowledge that this is one area in which disciplinary surpositions. which disciplinary authorities are not disposed to accept excuses for mistakes or negligence, still less for abuse of prisoners, that I and others have reacted so strongly against the general tenor of the current

Are we suddenly to assume that coroners, coroners' officers, pathologists and medical practitioners are all either fools or willing accomplices in what amounts to police murder? Every single case of a death in custody has been appeared to the coronary in succession. reported to the coroner. In over 90 per cent of the cases inquests have been held. In the remainder we may safely assume that the coroner's decision not to hold an inquest was based on the available medical

Now that the names of all persons to have died in custody are to be published, to which I have no to be published, to which I have no objection, is the next stage to be a mammoth fishing expedition, with all kinds of innuendo directed towards the officers who were unfocumate enough to have figured in their arrest and subsequent detention? What happens, in such a case, to the presumotion of innocence, or are police officers not to enjoy the same civil liberties as other members of the community? I do not accept that the police are deaf to all criticism, nor do I believe that all critics of the police are malicious in intent. What I do expect is that people in responsible positions in public life, and the writers of editorials in newspapers. will at least examine the hard evidence before lending their support to a particular campaign of this kind. We seem all too ready these days to jump to the conclusion that the greater the ciamour, the more real the grievance. Yours faithfully, JAMES JARDINE, Chairman,

Joint Central Committee, Police Federation of England and 15-17 Langley Road, Surbiton,

Surrey. January 15.

### Hospital service cuts Christian names in 1979 From Mr A. M. Macarthur From Mrs Margaret Brown

Sir, In today's Times (January 7) your Health Service correspondent implies that the cuts in hospital Sir, I feel sure that ell readers, delighted with the return of *The Times* on November 13, 1979, will services have had no important ill effect on the walfare of patients living outside London. My own be interested to see the trends emerging from the birth announcement column by the end of the year. For the sixteenth year in succession, experience as a cardiac surgeon at this London reaching hospital, how-James was the name most frequently chosen by readers of announcing the ever, is quite to the contrary and indicates that patients from Sussex and Kent awaiting open-heart sur-gery are being very seriously affec-ted indeed. birth of their sons in The Times. As for the pest four years, Elizabeth led the girls: In the year ending December, we performed 325 cardiac operations the majority being cases of serious valvular or coronary disease of the heart and most of these patients came from custide London.

James 61 (1) Elisabeth 32 (1)
Edward 36 (2) Sarah 20 (6)
Thomas 27 (5) Jane 18 (3)
Nicholas 26 (10) Victoria 18 (5)
John 24 (6) Mary 16 (4)
Alexander 21 (3) Caroline 15 (14)
William 21 (4) Clare 15 (12)
Charles 18 (7) Louise 15 (2)
Devid 16 (9) Helen 11 (10)
Richard 16 (8) Ama 11 (22)
(The figures in parentheses indi-

(The figures in paremheses indicate the position held in 1978.)

Even though only seven weeks' material is available for 1979, the mans 10 boys' names headed the list as in 1978.

at in 1978.

The table for first names shows James still maintaining the lead among the boys, while Victoria shared first place with Elizabeth: Elizabeth Victoria Anna Charlotta

Edward Thomas Charles 15 11 11 9 9 Christopher Alexander

Lucy Sarah Alice Catherine Kathrya Labra Au analysis of the figures for 1979 shows that there were 758 births announced in The Times, of whom announced in The Times, of whom 395 were boys and 363 were girls. Included among these was a substantial backing of announcements from the earlier part of 1979, when The Times was not printed. The following annumary shows the distribution of names in 1979:

One Two Three Four No Names Totals Rows:

Boys: 52 170 95 4 74 G4rly: 74 191 52 2 44 363

The number of sets of twins recorded in 1979 was 10, of whom three were boys, five were girls and two were mixed. The adoptious totalled three, made up of a boy and two girls. Yours familially,

MARGARET BROWN, 19 Wigginton Terrace,

University Walk,

### London's third airport From Professor R. T. Severn

King's College Hospital, SE5.

illusory, anyway. Yours faithfully,

A. M. MACARTHUR,

Sir, I would like to add two further practical points to Sir Colin Buchanan's excellent letter which you published on January 9, Both are concerned with the future well become the concerned with the concern being of the civil engineering industry, which, in 1976-77, for example, corned in excess of £2,000 million from overseas contracts.

The North Sea programme has given us valuable experience in offshore construction, which could offshore construction, which could be improved upon by the opportunity to build an airport at Maplin. Many of the world's major cities are on estuaries, and for them, as for us, offshore sizes offer appreciable advantages. Laying concrete on flat agricultural land does not give us the experience with which to compete successfully for these and other exciting potential contracts over-

The importance which we should Univers attach to regaining our position at Bristol.

the frontiers of engineering has recently been stressed by the Fin-niston Report, which rightly emphasizes the training aspects for young engineers. But, in civil engineering at least this training can only be achieved by involvement of the trainee in projects which call for the exercise of skills at or beyond the hounds of existing exercises. the bounds of existing experience; projects such as an offshore airport. Neither should we forget that our young people are acutely conscious of the environmental impact of engineering, in all its forms, and this is certainly one reason for the failure of the engineering profes-sion to attract its proper share of the better minds. A major airport at Stansted will do nothing to change this situation. Yours faichfully, R. T. SEVERN, Professor of Civil Engineering, University of Bristol,

### Pay proposals for coal and steel

From Sir Hugh Weeks

Sir, Some comparisons, taken from the last annual reports of the two corporations, are relevant to the very different proposals for pay by the British Steel Corporation and

the National Coal Board. First, on productivity. Comparing 1978-79 with three years earlier the output per man year in NCB declined by 3 per cent. For BSC crude steel output per man increased by 13 per cent finished deliveries per man by nearly 11 per cent. Both in-creases were better than for manu-

factoring industry as a whole. Secondly, on pay. The average pay for all employees for 1978-79 in both corporations differed very slightly; compared with the previous year that for NCB employees increased by 23 per cent; for BSC by 12 per cent.

Thirdly, on profits. The £309m loss by BSC for 1978-79 has been a matter of great concern, giving rise to a "subsidy" by taxpayers in general. NCB declared a loss for that year of only £19m but this was after taking credit for revenue sub-sidies by the government of £172m. So a comparable figure to the BSC loss would appear to be a true loss

of £191m.

The loss by BSC in 1978-79 was £134m less than in the previous year; that for NCB before subsidies was £136m more. BSC, which has to meet import competition, was improving. NCB only faces competition in coking coal which it is un-

able to meet.
For coal, an industry which has been making an increased loss and whose productivity was declining, a 22 per cent increase in pay was agreed with what appears to be little resistance. The reaction to the low pay increases proposed for steel, whose productivity has been in-creasing and whose loss has les-

creasing and whose loss has lessened, is hardly surprising, for miners and steel workers are largely concentrated in the same areas.

The very proper principles that there is not a bottomless pit for subsidies for nationalised industries and that increases in pay should be paid for in large part by increased productivity do not seem to have been applied with equal justice. Yours faithfully, HUGH WEEKS, The Grove

Highgate Village, N6.

From Mr David Crouch, MP for Canterbury (Conservative) Sir, I supported the miners in 1973 because I felt they had a case. The

Government did not agree. They had a cast iron argument and were determined to show who ran the nation. I was seen as a rebel. How can anyone support the steelworkers today? The British

Steel Corporation have an unanswerable case about low productivity and no money. Their chairman has said they are bankrupt and they could only afford a two per cent pay award, later raised 10 5 per cent. Now he says it can be 12 per cent, providing productivity strings are attached.

As a mere politician, I confess to wondering if the management of the BSC is fit to solve the problem after such an inept approach. But the Government has said they are on their own and they will not intervene.

Not intervene? But they have intervened in the strongest way possible. They have ned the hands of the BSC with a rigid cash limit of £450 million. Rationalize or bust is the Government's message. Our steel industry is uncompetitive and is losing millions a month. 50,000 men must go. It is a hard decision but the argument is right.

It would be easy if we could leave it to the management and the unions. But can we? How can we stand aside and watch a harsh economic plan rake its effect on the loyal workers of a great in-dustry? They have not been on strike for over 50 years. There are no other jobs to offer them. This is not just an economic problem with an industrial reswer. It is a social question in which the Government will have to play a major role. It is a vital industrial relations question that will determine the climate government/union dealings for the decade.

This Government, above all as the gnardian of Disraeli's ideal of one nation, must not forget that tenet of its faith as it clings to its other of its faith as it chars to as one-beliefs from across the Atlantic. When Disraell saw the gulf be-tween the owners and the workers, he did not stand aside. Rather, he hoped that toryism would "rise from the tomb . . . to announce that power has only one duty: to secure the social welfare of the people".

He was a backbencher at the time and something of a rebel. Yours faithfully, DAVID CROUCH, House of Commons. January 15.

### Christians and cults

From Mr K. P. Frampton Sir, Mr Clifford Longley's article of December 31 relating to the case of Scientology calls for clarification

in certain respects.

1. The Deo Gloriz Trust is not militant as stated. We are interdenominational Christians engaged on various projects to promote the Christian faith which has brought us into this cult involvement. Therefore we seek to inform and advise all who are troubled by the new religious movements, many of whose leaders or gurus are recruiting young and old often by costly train-

ing programmes.

2. After the long history of litigation by the Solentologists in the United States and Europe, can we really accept that the activities evidenced by the Washington convictions stem only from the Church's "campaien against illegal and unethicampain against sleggl and uneth-cal psychiatric procedures employed by the CIA"? Surely nothing can justify a conspiracy to plant spies in Government agencies, break in and steal official documents and even bug Internal Revenue offices. 3. Those convicted are not just mem-3. Those convicted are not just members, but mostly top leaders of the Church of Scientology, and are said to include their Guardian and Guardian World Wide, in addition to the founder's wife. Mary Rubbard. This must cast serious doubt on the oft repeated statement that "the church does not condone lawbreaking". On the contary Rubbard's Policy Letters contain many alarming instructions to his disciples on how to structions to his disciples on how to discredit and attack all who oppose and dare to criticize the Churcif.

In the light of the above it is not good enough for the Home Secretary to consider lifting or modifying the present immigration ban. It should be remembered that the worldwide headquarters of the Church of Scientology are in Sussex and many of their policy directives amanate from the United Kingdom. No wonder Hubbard is anxious to come here with his key personnel, the Church having been discredited in many

other countries.

The Government and police are already burdened with several legal actions by the Scientologists while two Scientologists in this country are appealing an extradition order to face burglary charges in

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Washington.

The Government slould probe the strategy behind these aggressive tactics and study the evidence which suggests that they are dealing with the suggests the suggests that they are dealing with the suggests that they are dealing the suggests that they are dealing the suggests that they are dealing the suggests the s which while claiming to be a Church, seems prepared to break the law— albeit in the United Strees—in pursuit of its aims and objects. Is it right that an immigration ban should

be lifted on such an organization?... We have contact with a number of ex-Sciencologists and anxious parents and relatives here and abroad and, because of this involvement, we ourselves are constantly deniarated and misrepresented as we know the facts and seek to enlighten people about the cults. Yours truly, K. P. FRAMPTON.

Deo Gloria Trust, 5/7 London Road, Bromley, Kent. January 8.

**Boycotting the Olympics** From Commander F. W. Collins,

RN (retired) Sir, The Olympic torch relay and the opening ceremony of the games are not part of the Olympic competitions. The relay was only insti-tuted by the Germans in 1936 when it was, as it has continued to be, a fine publicity build-up for the opening ceremony.

The later is now the great oppor-tunity for the host country to show the world its mastery of large-scale spectacular organization and enter-tainment, of which the visiting teams are a conspicuous part. After leaving Greece this year the torch relay will presumably be confined to eastern bloc countries, but any nation can publicly express its disgust at Russia's Afghanistan invasion by boycotting the opening

Though the International Olympic Committee are not likely to be swayed by the political opinious of anti-Russian governments, there is no IOC rule which says that com-

petitors must take part in this ceremony, in fact those competing on the next day often do not, so on the next day often do not, so such a boycott would not deny participation in his or her event to any athlete, but it would be a significant political act in what is now sadly su occasion of political giory for the host nation.

I am, Sir,
Yours faithfully,

F. W. COLLINS. Organizer, 1948 Olympic Torch Relay, Stoborough Croft. St Cross, Winchester. January 15.

From Professor Robert Skidelsky Sir, I very much hope the Olympic Games take place in Moscow as planned, without boycott from British or other athletes. . Sport is a substitute for war. It should not be made into an instrument of war. Yours faithfully, ROBERT SKIDELSKY,

University of Warwick.

### Travelling in Russia

From Miss Nora Beloff Sir, Surely the BBC owes us an explanation about the scheduled programme Journey through Russia which it says it being "temporarily shelved" (The Times, January 15) because of events in Afghanistan.

According to the producer, this six-part documentary was made in collaboration with the Soviet Government and he is postponing its presentation for fear of "alienating" his viewers. From my own experience of a 5,000 kilometre journey through the USSR, I would suggest that a series purporting to convey a notion of travel in Russia which must be acceptable to the Soviet authorities would not merely alienate but gravely misinform British viewers. Regardless of Afghanistan, the programme should be not shelved but scrapped. Yours faithfully,

NORA BELOFF, 11 Belsize Road, NW6. January 15.

### Access to Public Records From Mr Michael S. Moss

Sir, I must defend the Public Record Office against Mrs Lucas's letter in your columns of January 14. For her spirit of scholarship to be quenched by an additional 45 minute train journey from central London is a sad admission. As a regular user of modern

departmental files in the PRO's search rooms, both before and after the removal to Kew, I can only write in praise of the present facilities in comparison to the old. Before the shift to Kew it was not uncommon to wait for two or three hours for documents to arrive (even when ordered in advance) and sometimes whole days would be wasted with no production at all. I have experienced no such frostrations at Kew. I am happy to pay the additional £2 rail fare to escape from the miseries of the old days at Chancery Lane.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL S. MOSS,
University Archivist,
University of Glasgow,

### Assisted places scheme From the Headmaster of Bolton

School
Sir, Mr Merlyn Rees (January 7), in supporting the Rector of Charlton's description of the assisted places scheme as "immoral", says that he does not believe that independent schools could, or should, be forbidden by law. He seems, therefore, prepared to accept a system in School prepared to accept a system in which inability to pay fees is an automatic bar to entry to many of the best schools in the country. Such a bar would seem to many much nearer to "immorality" than a scheme which enables the less well off to benefit from what these schools have to offer.

As for Mr Rees's implication that these schools are "irrelevant", he seems to be forgetting that much of the work in Nuffield science and modern mathematics was pioneered in them; that they have made a considerable contribution to improving the teaching of foreign languages; and that as the Independent Schools Information Service staristics show they are at least holding their own with the maintained schools in providing entrants to engineering and science.
A point lost sight of in recent correspondence is that the assisted places scheme does not compel any Hacer

parent, or local education authority, or the Government, to do anything. The first step is for a parent to decide to apply for an assisted place; if the child is found capable of hereoficing from the courses. place; if the child is found capable of benefiting from the courses offered at the school, then, and only then, does any question of expenditure arise; and as it is means tested, it does not go where it is not needed. Furthermore, this figure of £55 million, which Mr Rees again quotes as if it will be the immediate expenditure, will only be reached by 1988—the expenditure in 1981-82 is expected to

Mr Rees again refers to the "two Englands". It would greatly help rational discussion of these pro-posals if critics could refrain from this kind of emotive propaganda, exemplified also in the current issue of Where, in which an erticle issue of Where, in which an erticle attacking contemporary independent schools is headed by the "two nations" photograph from Picture Post of 40 years ago. Just how irrelevant can one get? Yours faithfully, DAVID BAGGLEY, Bolton School

Bokon, Lancashire.

January 7.

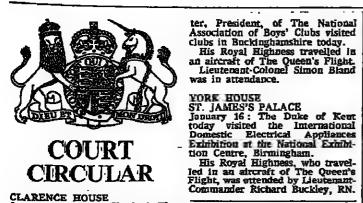
be (in 1979 values) around £6 million.

Turn of the crew

ping for passengers in general is too inefficient.

Need I add the train waited five 25 King Henry's Road, SUISET.

illusion l Yours faithfully, S. COLBRAN, 6 South Way,



was in attendance.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother

will unveil the statue of Field Marskal Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, on Friday, June 6, in Whitehall, at 12.15 pm. Seating will be by invitation.

Lady Irwin gave birth to a daugh-ter in London on Tuesday January 15.

Sir Michael Clapham, 68; Mr Douglas Cleverdon, 77; Mr Mar-tin Cooper, 70; Lord Geoffrey Lloyd, 78; Sir Keith Joseph, MP, 62; Miss Moira Sheazer, 54; Sir William Sinclair, 85; Professor Sir David Smithers, 72; Lord Wheatley, 72.

The engagement is announced between Anthony, younger son of Mr and Mrs A. F. Harper, of Seaton, Devon, and Kathryn, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs D. B. Gammer, of Goring-on-Thames,

and Miss S. H. Northers
The engagement is announced between David Higham, 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers, only son of Mr and Mrs T. M. Higham, of Crayke Castle, York; and Susan Helen. elder daughter of Major and Mrs P. H. Northen, Marston Hill Farm, Cirencester.

The engagement is announced between Robert Edward, eldest son of Mr and Mrs E. R. Lane, of Old Court, Bosbury, Herefordstine, and Helen Jane, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs N. B. Lewis, Hazel Farm, Ledbury, Herefordshire.

Birthdays today

Mr C. W. Gysin and Miss H. D. Stones

Mr A. Harper and Miss K. Gammer

Orfordshire.

Mr R. E. Lane

Mr S. W. Ledger and Miss T. F. Kayli

Mr R. Yallop and Miss D. Holten

at the Comaught Rooms yester-day. Mr Stanley Burton, chairman of the club, presided.

Royal Institution of Chartered

Surveyors
The annual dinner of the Land
Agency and Agriculture Division
of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors was held at the
Hotel Russell last night. Mr D. A.
G. Troup, president of the division, was in the chair and other
speakers were Mr Robin LeighPemberton, Mr R. L. Harding and
Professor F. G. T. Holliday.

United Wards' Club of the City

of London
The Lord Mayor and the Lady
Mayoress, accompanied by the
Sheriffs and their ladles, attended

Sheriffs and their ladies, attended an anniversary dinner of the United Wards' Club of the City of London et the Mansion House last night. Mr Bernard Petitpierre, president, and Mrs Petitpierre, received the guests. The speakers were the Lord Mayor, the president, Lieutenaut-Colonel A. Colin Cole. Mr H. J. Dicketts and the

Dinners

Surveyors

### COURT CIRCULAR

CLARENCE HOUSE
January 16: Queen Elizabeth The
Queen Mother was present this
evening at a Gala Performance of
Die Fledermans given in ald of the
Royal Hospital and Home for
Incurables, Putney, at the Royal
Opera House, Covent Garden.
The Dowager Viscountess
Hambleden and Captain Alastair
Aird were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE RENSINGTON PALACE
Jaimary 16: Princess Alice,
Duchees of Gloucester, Colonel-inChief, Royal Corps of Transport
this afternoon received
Major-General Peter Blunt on
relinquishing his appointment as
Representative Colonel Commandant and Major-General Peter
Benson on assuming the
appointment.
January 16: The Duke of Glouces-

January 16: The Doke of Glouces-Forthcoming marriages Mr R. W. H. Baker and Miss J. A. Chapman

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The engagement is announced
between Robert William Henry,
voungest son of Mr and Mrs H.
E. Baker, of Owletts, Cobham,
Kent, and Jacqueline Anne, elder
daughter of Mr and Mrs J. M.
Chapman, of Five Upton Quarry,
Langton Green, Kent. Mr D. C. Bradshaw and Miss J. E. Hayman

and Miss J. E. Hayman
The engagement is announced
between David Charles, only son
of Mrs Mary Bradshaw and of the
late Charles Bradshaw of Hollinwood, Oldham, Lancashire, and
Jillan Elizabeth, second daughter
of Judge and Mrs John Hayman,
of The Dormer House, Wyck,
Alton, Hampshire.

Mr S. T. Brake and Miss K. E. Towndrow The engagement is sunounced between Simon Tony, elder son of of Mrs Irene Brake and the late Mr Tony Brake, of Poole, Dorset, and Kirstie Elizabeth. younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Towndrow, of Dibden Purileu, Hampshire.

Mr R. S. O. Burns and Miss A. M. Babington
The engagement is announced between Robin Buick Orr, second son of Mr and Mrs J. D. O. Burns, of Esher, Surrey, and Antonia Mary, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A. M. Babington, of Perth, Western Australia. Lieutenant J. B. Cunnison, RN, and Miss C. S. Ewart Smith

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The engagement is announced
between Johnathan, son of Mr
and Mrs J. A. Cunnison, of Horsham, Surrey, and Catherine,
eldest daughter of the late Mr R.
Ewart Smith and of Mrs P. Ewart
Smith, of Relgate, Surrey.

Mr G. E. C. Femon and Miss E. T. Nash
The engagement is announced between Geoffrey Eric Crosland, youngest son of Lieuwenant Commander J. M. C. Fenton, DSC RN (Rend), and Mrs Fenton, of Bar Ewing, Balmaclellan, by Castle Douglas, Kirkcudbrightshire, and Rikzabath Tyrie, youngest daughter of Professor and Mrs J. K. T. L. Nash, of Shandon Jordans, Buckingham-

Dr T. J. Laundy and Miss G. M. Routledge The marriage will take place in Lincolnstire in February between Trevor John Laundy and Gilian Mary Routledge.

Luncheons

Girls' Public Day School Trust Lady Johaston, Chairman of the Girls' Public Day School Trust, entertained Mr. A. W. Phillips, entertained Mr A. W. Phillips, chairman of the governing body, and Miss Jill Turner, Headmistress of Howell's School, Llandaff, at function on Tuesday to mark the appointment of the Council of the Garis' Public Day School as Trustee of Howell's School, Flowell's School, Enwell's School, a former direct grant school, now moving towards independence, was founded in 1860 by the Drapers' Company in accordance with the wishes of Thomas Howell, a sixteenth-century merchant of Eristol, London and Seville, who came originally from Llandaff. The school will now be administered as one of the 24 schools in the Givis' Public Day School Trust.

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
The President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, Mr David Richards, gave a luncheon at Chartered Accountants Hall yesterday. The guests were the Bishop of London, the Hon Angus Oglivy, Sir William Pile, Sir Robert Taylor and Dr J. M. Bae.

Company of Watermen and Lightermen Lightermen
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Sadler's Wells seeks funds By Our Music Reporter
The Sadler's Wells Theatre in
London is quietly setting out to Wells for 1978-79, Sir Roger Falk, find the necessary money to widen its stage, because the relatively narrow proscendum arch prevents many of the larger ballet com-panies from performing at the that attendances in the year had been 278,000, down from 287,000 the previous year. There had been 46 weeks of entertainment during the year, against 49 in 1977-78.

mr Stephen Remington, the theatre director, indicated yester-day that efforts were being made to seek money from commercial organizations and other sources to the the expensive reconstructhe year, against 49 in 1977-78.

"Major disappointments were the seasons of Kathakali and Nikolais Dance Theatre, both of which faded to fulfil the expectations promised by the popularity of previous visits and proved very costly."

The theatre effectively broke even during the year, but was also able to put £60,000 into its building and development fund. The latest project to be funded is a new box office, which is due to open next month. pay for the expensive reconstrucnon work.

Dancers from the Sadler's Wells
Royal Baller have started a fund
to help with the project. A recent
jumble sale raised nearly £3,000

and more events are planned, including holding public dress rehearsals at a small charge.

University news

KING'S COLLEGE The following have been elected honorary fellows:

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Sir David Willcocks. Director of the
Reyal College of Music and formerly
follow and organist of the collegeProfessor Joan Robinson, professor of
economics at the unity rsiry, 1965 of
economics at the un

have been elected honorary follows of the college

The dide of professor of elemen-tary particle physics has been conferred on Dr J. D. Dowell, BSc, PhD, reader in elementary particle physics in the department

particle physics in the department of physics. The following are to receive honorary degrees in July:
Divise: Sir Frederick Ashboa, forman director of Royal Ballet.
Divise: Professor R. Browning, professor of classics and succient history at Broack College, Lordon: Mr John Lehmann, writer, publisher and critic. DSC: Emerical Professor G. Mr John Lehmann, writer, publisher and critic. DSC: Emerical Professor C. Mr John College, Lordon: Mr John College, Lordon: Mr John College, Candida University, Australia: Dr G. H. Stafford, director of Rubberton C. Lib: The Rev Professor R. Craig, Vice-Chancellor of Rhodesia University: Dr E. J L. Lowbury, Birmingham medical scientist and British poet.

The British Library has made a grant of £87,750 to Mr J. H. Lamble for a programme of catalogue research.



Mrs Thatcher at Grocer's Hall, City, yesterday, where she was made an honorary Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Grocers. With her, from left, are: Mr Denis Thatcher, Lady Bossom, and Sir Clive Bossom, Master of the Company, once her Parliamentary Private Secretary.

and Miss H. D. Stones
The engagement is announced
between Charles William, eldest
son of Mr and Mrs Charles Gysin,
of 4 Matching Lane, Bistop's
Stortford, and Helen Diana,
younger daughter of Mr Frank
Stones, of Pimperue, Dorset, and
Mrs J. Boumphrey, of 50 Warwick
Road, Bishop's Stortford. Marriages

Major A. N. D. Bols and Mrs A. Hard A service of blessing was held in Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday, January 12, 1980, after the marriage of Major Andrew Bols, The Blues and Royals, and Mrs Anna Hard. Anne Hard.

The Blues and Royals, and Mira Anne Hard.

Mr J. P. G. Graham and the Hon D. Bootle-Wilbraham The marriage took place yesterday at Chelses Old Church between Mr Jocelyn Peter Gore Graham, son of Brigadier and Mrs P. A. J. G. Graham, of Challapit Cottage, Blewbury, Oxfordshire, and the Hon Daphne Bootle-Wilbraham, of Fist 5, 6 Coiville Houses. London Will, youngest daughter of the late Brigadier Lord and Lady Skelmersdale. The Rev C. E. Leighton Thomson officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Lord Skelmersdale, whore a gown of pale cream shanning trimment with old Limerick lace and a lace well held in place by an amique Indian circlet. She carried a bouquet of pale cream rosehuds and white freesies. The Hon Carolyn Bootle-Wilbraham, Kare Lyons, Jamie Graham and Barry and Archie Massy attended her. Mr Antony Gormley was best man. A reception was held at Gledhow Gardens and the honeymoon will be specit in India.

Major J. J. Glover, RA

Mr S. W. leager and Miss T. F. Kayli
The eogagement is announced between Simon Weston Ledger, 13th/18th RH (QMO), son of Mr and Mrs P. W. Ledger, of Tredenham Cottage, St Mawes, Cornwall, and Tessa Flons, youngest daughter of Major and Mrs D. P. Kayli, of Moor Lane House, Briantspuddle, Dorset. Major J. J. Giover, RA and Mrs C. S. MacDonald The marriage took place quietly on Tuesday, December 11, 1979, between Major Jeremy James Glover and Mrs Carolyn Susan MacDonald. They are now living at White Lodge, Tillord, Surrey.

Mr R. M. P. McGninness and Miss R. A. Smith.
The engagement is announced between Russell Michael Peter, only son of Mr and Mrs P. McGuinness, of Dartford, Kent, and Rosemary Anne, only daughter of Mrs R. L. Smith and the late Mr W. R. Smith, of Dartford, Kent. Mr E. S. Hodge and Miss S. Richmond-Gale-Mr E. S. Hodge and Miss S. Richmond-Gale-Braddyll
The marriage took place in Richmond on January 1 of Mr Edward:
Stephen Hodge, son of the late Edmund Whittaker Hodge, of Elterwater, and Mrs Joan Rodge, of Comston, and Miss Sarah Richmond-Gale-Braddyll, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Richmond-Gale-Braddyll, of Kirkby-in-Furness.

The engagement is announced between Richard, youngest son of the late Mr and Mrs John Yaliop, Mr J. Taylor and Miss L. Davy The marriage took place quietly at Christmas between Mr Jeremy Taylor, of Hurdley Moor Farm, Dorset, and Miss Lika Davy, third daughter of Iem Davy, of East Chelborough, Dorset, and Patricia Davey of Princes Gate Mews, London formerly of Farnham, Surrey, and Disna, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. McN. Holtan, of Wangaratta,

Lunchtime Comment Club
The Earl of Longford was the
guest speaker at a luncheon given
by the Lunchtime Comment Club

Redford School

The Easter Term begins today with 727 boys in the upper school.

J. R. L. Morris is head of the school. P. L. Scagloni captain of botts and H. D. Ferguson captain and headers. Configuration will be of bockey. Confirmation will be conducted by the Bishop of Bedford on February 24. Hardel's, Israel in Egupt, will be performed in the Corn Exchange on Thursday, March 13, at 7.30 pm.

**British Committee of** 

Bureau Veritas At a meeting held at the Goring Hotel yesterday the British Committee of Bureau Veritas thanked their chairman, Mr Paulin Denham Christie, for his work during his 10 years as chairman of the committee. Those present included: mittee. Those present included:

M. P. Blanc, President of Euron
Veriza, Paria, M. Laurin, assistant
to the President of Bureau Veritas,
Paris, Mr. P. C. Allock, Mr.
P. N. Miller, Mr. L. C. Allock, Mr.
W. C. Baker, Mr. L. C. Allock, Mr.
W. D. Fressel, Mr. A. Kulchinds,
W. C. Baker, Mr. C. A. Corticil, Mr.
P. Fressel, Mr. C. A. Somerville,
Mr. A. S. Tugwood, Mr. R. Whiteside
and Mr. T. Macduit (membury).

At the end of the meeting, Mr.
Peter N. Miller, of Thomas R.
Miller and Sons, was elected to be
the new Chairman of the British
Committee of Bureau Veritas.

Middle Temple awards

The Masters of the Bench of Middle Temple have awarded the following entrance exhibitions:

Barmsworth (Major)

M. A. Bishop, The Leys S. and Down, Cambridge: P. N. Francis, Bidley and Down:

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M. A. Bishop, The Leys S. and Down, Cambridge: P. N. Francis, Bidley and Down;

M. J. Species S. Major, Cambridge: T. J. Spencers, Balbos GS. Poullon-le-Fylde and Down;

W. J. Wood, Dulwich and Wore, Oxford.

Catord.

Harmsworth (Minor)

Miss S. C. Grundy, Grange S. Oblights and Hert: M. H. W. Hall, Cambridge S. Oblights and Hert: M. H. W. Hall, Cambridge MS for Boys and Trib. H. Miss I. E. Ur. Setton HS and St. Ringh's C. I. S. Wantslood and New Coli; D. J. Kendrick, St. Ambrose Coll. Halp Barns and Trin. Cambridge; Miss C. C. Jones, The Cambridge; Miss C. C. Jones, The Ousea's S. Christer and Trin H; C. N. B. Priday Radley and Univ. Oxford; J. H. Ratliff, Clifton and Univ. M. T. C. Smith, Birkenhead S. and Trin. Cambridge; A. R. Stafford, Royal GS, Newcystle and Trin H; P. A. Turner, Millield and Pet, Cambridge; A. R. Stafford, Pridse.

Entrance bursaries:
T. D. Brenton, Kings S. Rochester and
Bristol Univ: R. E. Cox, Hardley
Comp and Mansheld Coll: Oxford:
M. V. Herton, Mighus R. G. and KingColl. London: P. G. McNaught,
William Hulmo's G. Manchester and
B'ham Univ. A. G. Rogerton, Kingston
HS and Nottingham Univ. Sachs law of evidence prize : Miss J. M. Tureer.

Latest appointments Lord McGregor of Duris is to be chairman of the Advertising Standards Authority from April 1, succeeding Lord Thomson of Monifieth, who is to become deputy choirman and chairman-designate of the Independent Broadcasting Authority. Other appointments include:
his Peter Faure, aged 33, to be
the Independent Broadcasting
Authority's head of radio finance.

For that interpretation to be valid, a western rampart running north from the church to the Trent cliff should have existed, and clearance of a strip of the old river bank this summer revealed two successive ditches; the earlier, which was refilled quite soon after it was dug, but then opened again on three or four subsequent again on three or four subsequent occasions, is thought to have been the Viking ditch, and its location suggests that the western rampart ran due south to the church; the The Rev Stuart Brand to be full time Church of England chaplain to the Greenwich District Hospital and the Brook General Hospital, Woolwich, from March 1.

things as a duck, a hand, an umbrella and a flower, either actively or passively. Twenty blindfolded students explored a set of raised-line drawings unaided, white another 20 were helped by one of the experimenters, who guided their fingers around the same drawings. The former subjects successfully identified 20 drawings, while the latter succeeded with 42 drawings. Next they made a closer com-parison with the aid of a com-

Science report

Psychology: Tactile perception

puter, so that two subjects were exploring the same outline, one exploring the same outline, one actively and the other passively, almost simultaneously. One blindfolded subject explored a raised outline unaided, but has a small coil surrounding the finger. The movements of the coil were recorded and passed, via the computer, to a television monitor. The screen showed the course taken as the subject's finger traced the outline of the drawing. A second subject's finger was guided passively around the picture, repeating accurately the course followed by the first, active subject. Again by the first, active subject. Against active explorers identified fewer drawings than those whose bands were guided.

Another set of tests gave some idea of the sort of information

that was helping the passive sub-jects to make their identifications. They were far less successful when their fingers were held still and the raised outlines were moved around beneath them, than when their fingers were guided around an outline that was smooth other than stilled. It does not

when their fingers were guided around an outline that was smooth rather than raised. It does not therefore seem to be touch that is the vital source of information, as it is in the reading of braille. With the drawings, the important information seems to be that due to the position of the arm and its movement, although the raised line is clearly important in guiding the unaided hand.

Dr Magee and Dr Kennedy suggest that the importance of the movement of the arm and hand in the process of identification may explain why passive subjects are more successful than their active counterparts. They point out that active subjects have to plan their exploratory movements before they brace the outline. The problem of sorting out the failed plans from the successful movements may put them at a disadvantage over those subjects who are guided from the ounce. Nature, laguary 17 (rol Source: Nature, January 17 (vol. 283, page 287) 1980.

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regional strategy—a great chal-lenge to the GLC in its new reorganization; and there should

be a mandatory minimum require-ment on book government to spend on the arts. Mr Anthony Field, Spance director of the Arts Council, said

the council would continue to lean on recalcitrant local authori-nes which did not regard the arts

### Local government lagging in aid for arts By Kenneth Gosling borough should develop a policy

Arts Reporter

Arts Reporter

A \*\* league table \*\* of expenditure on the arts contained in a research study commissioned by the Greater London Arts Association shows that the gap is widening between the boroughs that lead in arts spending and those making no more than a token gesture towards cultural provision.

The F2.500 report, prepared over A sixth of GLC spending covered capital debt charges for the South Bank and nearly two-thirds of the City's allocation covered similar costs in building the Barbican Centre.

Automatic leadership in the boroughs table no longer belongs to boroughs like Camden and Croydon, which had a substantial inheritance of arts support from The £3,500 report, prepared over the last 18 months, is the first comprehensive survey of its kind covering all the London boroughs,

By the Stall of Nature
Plans for using embossed drawings of simple objects as educational aids for bind students may
be influenced by some surprising
results obtained at Toronto Univerasity. Contrary so some current
theories, Dr. L. E. Magee and Dr.
L. W. Kennedy report in this

J. M. Kennedy report in this week's Nature that blindfolded subjects, whose responses are comparable with those of blind subjects, found such pictures easier to identify when their hands were guided around the raised outlines than when they were left to explore them unaided.

Congenitally blind subjects are those who have become blind in early life are able to identify common objects from raised-line drawings, and that shifty is being exploited in education. Although it may seem helpful to guide a bill starbent's hand around one of those drawings, there are

of those drawings, there are schools of thought that disagree. They predict that guidance would be detrimental because passive

per commental because passive perception is generally inferior to active perception in which the subject explores unguided.

Dr Magne and Dr Kennedy had their first indication that such a viewpoint might be wrong when they compared the success of subjects identifying pictures of such

covering all the London boroughs, not only in expenditure series but in describing the policy towards the arts of each unit of government in Greater London.

Although the gap still yawns, the report shows that the total arts expenditure by London's local government at £14m falls not far short of spending in London by the Arts Council, which totals £16.5m, of which £11.5m went to the "big four" national com-

the big four national com-panies (Royal Opera House, English National Opera, National Theatre and Royal Shakespeare Company). It also highlights the fact that almost all local government expen-diture went to buildings and pro-

Today's engagements Exhibitions: Artists from Ham-burg, Images, part 1, Pictures and objects by Adam Jankowski and Kourad Schutz, Goethe Institute, 50 Princess Gate, Ex-hibition Road, 12-8; Morwenna Thistlewaite, New Grafton Gallery, 42 Old Bond Street, 10-5. 10-6.

Lectures: The Anglo-Saxon background to St Boniface, Professor Frank Barlow, Emerius Professor of History, Exeter

to boroughs like Camden and Croydon, which had a substantial inheritance of arts support from their predecessor authorities; thammersmith, Greenwich, Hillingdon and Wandsworth have dimbed steadily up the table.

Mr David Pratley, director of the GLAA, said it was remarkable that in a borough like there in a borough like the select of business spot file, 000 a year.

If apending on he local museum was excluded, Barnet contributed only £11,000, and Ealing made only £5,000 available to arts organizations

Among points requiring future action, he said, there should be an attempt in every suffority to have proper departmental responsible. have proper departmental respon-sibility for the arts; every University, St Boniface, Devou, 5.30; Landscapes of the Western Mediterranean, Professor I.B. Thompson, Royal Sconish Geographical Society, Usher Hall, Edinburgh, 7.30.
Rubens's Whiteball celting, National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, 1; Francis Bacon, Imagery through paint, Tate Gallery, Milibank, 1.
Talks: Art, power and symbol in Benin, Nigeria, J. W. Picton, lecture theatre, Bristol University, Queen's Building, 7.30.

West Loadon Antiques Fair, Kensington Jown Hall, Horaton Street, 11-8. Lunchtime music: Recital, Teresa Dewhurst, soprano, and Joseph Sentence. organ, St Botolph, Bishopsgate, 12.30: organ recital, Robert Crowley, St Sentence, organ, at acceptant substitution of the sentence of

day).
Memorial service: Sir James
Brown, All Hallows-by-theTower, noon.

### Archaeology report

# Repton: Traces of first Viking camp

By Norman Hammond
Archaeological Correspondent
Excavations at Repton, Derbyshire, in and near the grounds of
the ancient public school, have
resulted in the discovery of the
first Viking fortified camp to be
securely identified in England,
dated firmly to AD 874-5. Part of
an Anglo-Saxon sculpture with
umusual scenes on it was also
found, and is thought to have
been part of a monolithic stone
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The Viking army that invaded England in the latter half of the numb century was known from the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle to have wintered at Repton in 874-5, and the site of its camp was deduced to have been around the major group of standing buildings extant at the time, the monastery founded two centuries earlier on the banks of the Trent which now housed the shrine of 5t Wystan and a mansoleum of the Mercian kings.

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The mansoleum, which is now the chancel of the parish church of St. Wystan, has been under investigation since 1974 by a project now hased at the university imseam of Pehnsylvania University, which is directed jointly by Professor Martin Biddle, Mrs Birthe Kjölbye-Biddle and Dr Harold Taylor.

In 1976 a length of ditch was found running east from the church, and the excavators then suggested that this was part of the Viking camp, forming his southern rampart and running to

church, and the excavators then suggested that this was part of the Viking camp, forming its southern rampart and running to the Repton Brook on the east, which then joined with the Trent so that the steen slopes to the 1:70 streams formed natural fortifications. tions. For that interpretation to be

building would have acted as a strongpoint and gatehouse at the south-western corner of the camp.

"In general the enclosure is comparable with the D-shaped earthworks beside river banks which are a characteristic fortification pattern of the Danish Viking period, such as Aarhus and Hedeby; it is also similar to sites in southern England which have been suggested before as possible Viking camps". Mrs kjölbye-Biddle said.

The discovery, and now the confirmation, of the Viking camps is important not only in itself but also for the veracity it gives to the documentary account.

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The second big discovery in 1979 was a fragment of sculpture in the local greetish-yellow Bunter Sandstone, found in a pit just outside the east end of the royal mansoleum. Parts of two carved side panels and of the top surface remain, and the fragment is now 68 cm (2 ft 3 in) high.

On the narrow side are the coils unknown on a small scale in northern English sculpture of the Anglo-Saxon period 2. Professor Biddle said. "But nothing on this

Biddle said. "But nothing on this scale or with this wealth of detail is known to me."

The broken top surface of the stone has a slight projection, and this is interpreted as the base for a final cross, the aculpture being the organise organise portion of a cross-shaft perhaps 4.5 to 5 meters (about 15 ft high).

Such menalithic crossess often on the narrow side are the coils and erect upper body of a monstrous serpent, terminating in a full-face human head with open mouth and projecting ears. The serpent is flanked by two humanoid figures, at least one of which stands on the colled body of the ophidian, thich have each extended an arm tound the waist of the other. Instead of heads they have elongated nacks which Such menolithic crosses, often such menoting crosses, other hearing scriptual and mythological scenes, are not uncommon in the Dark Ages in the northern part of Britain. The function of the Repton example is unknown, but extended an arm 'ound the walst of the other. Instead of heads they have elongated necks which seem to dirappear Inside the open month of the serpent's head.

'The scene is unique, with no obvious source in either Germanic or Celvic mythology. There is a flewre in Frandinavian myth called Nithoggr-Orm—the corpse-eating warm—but I do not think this is it'. Pref. for Biddle said.

The broad face of the stone has most of a scene of a horse and ride, moving to the left, with the rider's upper body turned full face. He wears cross-gartered leagues and a heavy quilted skirt or kile, and over his chest is some kind of armoured jerkin, which from the sculptured pourtayal chall be either of chain mail ("grown since the seventh century from the Sutton Hoo ship-burket) or scale armour of leather or metal plates.

an association with one of the royal burials of the eighth or with century in the adjacent crypt can-not be excluded, Professor Biddle

the general style of the carving, in flat, slab-like relief, is not unexpected, and nor is the suggested cross form, but "the sub-lect-matter is quite enigmatic, and many details suggest a strong celtic influence as well as Germanic and possibly Clausical features". "Further excavation on the site where the sculpture was found may lead to the recovery of further fragments near year, and to a more accurate view of the monument's setting",

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### **OBITUARY**

### MAJ-GEN V. BLOMFILLD Service in two world wals

Major - General Valentine a Companion of he Bath in Blomfield, CB, DSO, died on 1954.

January 11 at the age of 81. Educated at Rugby and RMC Saudhurst, he was commissioned into The Border Regiment in 1916. He served in France with the 1st and 8th Bartalions and was twice wounded. Between the wars he extended the Staff College, and was GSO 1, 2 Infantry Division in 1939-40. After Dunkirk he commanded the 6th Bartalion and in 1944 he com-manded a Brigade in France, when he was awarded the DSO.

In 1945 he became Director of Prisoners of War and in 1947 Director of Personal Services in the War Office. He was promoted to Major-General in leaves a widow, Gladys, and 1948. From 1950 to 1953 he commanded the 42nd Infantry Division (TA). He was made

He was the Colmel of the

Border Regiment from 1952 until its amalgamation with the King's Own Royal Regiment (Lancaster) in 1959 when he became the first Colonel of The King's Own Royal Border Regi-

ment.

During his two years as colonel of the new retiment he colonel of the new retiment he devoted his time to the difficult task of building a new regiment, which by his determination and tast he quickly achieved. The regiment celebrates its 21st birthday, and the 300th anniversary of the foundation of The King's Own on July 11.

### AIR COMMODORE M. PALMER

A friend writes;
The death of Marshall Palmer, which occurred recently at the age of 72, brought to an end a remarkable legal career which spanned over 50 years. Articled to a firm of solicitors in his native Sussex at the age of 15, he was admitted in 1929.

At the outbreak of war, he At the outbreak of war, be joined the Royal Air Force and in 1948 transferred to the Directorate of Legal Services. Two years later, he was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple and in 1957 he was appointed Director with the rank of Akr Commodore, retiring in 1961.

His interest in the law did not, however, end there, for he then obtained the diploma of the Wolfson Institute of Commissions.

the Wolfson Institute of enecdotes, marked as they were having already obtained the not the whole man. He had a degree of LLM from London University two years earlier greatly missed.

and in 1962 joined the Criminal Appeal Office, where he became an Assistant Registrar, a post he still held at the time of his death. His work there was marked

His work there was marked by a lively and inimitable style—all his own—which gave interest even to what appeared at first sight to be the most unpromising material. Such an outstanding career, 40 years of which were speut in the public service, did not, however, preclude other pursuits. His interests were musical and literary and both Glyndbourne and the catalogues of antiquarian booksellers claimed his attention. His friends will recall attention. His friends will recall with pleasure his many anecdotes, marked as they were

### MISS PHYLLIS BARCLAY-SMITH

Professor S. Dillon Ripley personalities involved. She was writes: The death of Miss Phyllis Barclay-Smith, Vice-President of the International Council for Bird Preservation, was a pro-found loss to the cause of bird conservation and so myself as

Her involvement with the council from 1935 long pre-dated my own accession in 1958 as President of the organiration, and I always looked to her for guidance on the many issues that faced us. Through her organizational abilities, the council was able on many occasions to focus world strention on threats to bird life wherever they might occur.

Whatever the problem, she was always able to bring to it a detailed familiarity with the issues, the history, and the for the arts which should include both public and artists; the development of some kind of

MR DAVED WHITFIELD

Mr David Whitfield, who enjoyed considerable success, perticularly in the 1950s, as a singer of popular ballards, died singer of popular ballards, died in Sydney on January 15, as announced briefly in later editions of The Times yesterday. He was 53. He had been admitted to bospital earlier after suffering a stroke.

Whitfield's heyday in this country was in the 1950s and for a period his bellads, many of which were big sellers on records, commetted ware effective.

nies which did not regare as important.

But it was a fact that local authorities must reflect what local people wanted. Asked about the affect of business sponsorship, the Field said the total sponsorship was running at between £3m and £4m a year; with the Minister For the Arts talking of a cut in the Arts Council base figure of 5 per cent next year, meaning £3m per cent next year, meaning £3m off its £60m budget, it would need
a doubling of business sponsorship to compensate and that
could not be expected.
Anatomy of Aris Expenditure in
the Greater London Region 197778. Cayyn Rhydderth; Greater
London Aris Association, 25
Tavistook Place, London WC1H
9SF; £7.50. records, competed very effectively in the affections of the young with the rock n' roll music of the period. The year after his sudden rise to promi-nence in 1953 he appeared in the Royal Variety Performance and had a highly successful career in showbusiness. Among his most popular ballads were "I Believe", "Mama" and the immensely successful "Cara Mia" which sold three-and-a-

Latterly Whitfield had toured extensively abroad; he had recently sung aboard a Chinese passenger liner on a cruise of the South Pacific Islands and had just concluded his 10th tour of Australia and was about to return home to Britain.

REAR-ADMIRAL

RELAK-AINVIEKAL
M. G. CREIG
Rear-Admiral Morice Gordon
Greig, CB, DSC, died in Bermuda on January 13. He was 65.
He had been Chief of Staff and
Deputy to Chairman British
Staffs, Washington, and after his
retirement from the Royal Navy
was Director-General of the
Winston Churchill Memorial
Trust from 1965 to 1967. Since Trust from 1965 to 1967. Since 1968 he had been Chairman, Public Service Commission, Ber-

personairies involved. She was embusiastic and energetic, and proud of her nickname "the Dragon", which she sarned by the determination with which she set out to win her cause, and her elmost invariable success. She was one of the sincess. She was one or ma-first to perceive the dangers of oil pollurion and, with Mr-Jemes Cellaghan, later to be Prime Minister, she created the Advisory Committee on Oil Pollution of the Sea, which was instrumental in drafting and bringing to realization the International Convention for the Prevention of Poliurion of the Sea by Oil.

Her loss will be felt keenly by all who are interested in birds and the natural world we

share with them. Miss Barolay-Smith was the foundation stone of international conservation,

### WALTHER GRUNER Benjamin Luxon writes:

As a young man of 22 I was sent to Walther Gruner as a singing student at the Guild-hall School of Music. Coming from a Cornish singing community I had no sophisticated musical background and this exceptional man became my mentor, friend, and taskmaster. His was the decisive influence on my musical values and he always encouraged me to perform in the way my isstinct dictated.

mot so much to be "teaching", as times when we shared end My lessons with him seemed made music together. We worked almost entirely on the German Lied, on which he was undoubtedly one of the world's great: suthorities. Walther Groner infected me with his deep and all-embracing love for this art form and, above all, gave me the means, technically and musically, to dedicate muscally to companies in cate myself to communicating this love in performance.

> MR L. R. CHAMBERLAIN

Mr Lesie Robert (Bob)
Chamberlain West Midlands
Regional Organizer of the Labour
Party since 1965, died on January
14, aged 59. He had been a member of the Labour Party all his
adult life and worked in the South
West of England before going to
Birmingham in 1960 where he
understudied Lord Underbill their
regional organizer. He had intended to retire at the end of
this year. He was manacried.

Lady Kemball-Cook, widow of Sir Basil Alfred Kemball-Cook, died on January 13 at the age of 86. She was Cécile, daughter of General Paul Olenitch, and she married Sir Basil Kembali-He won his DSC in 1944 and Cook as his second wife in 1931, was appointed CB in 1968.

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# Sale room prices open the season at expected levels The furniture sale at Sothely's, Belgravia, followed a similar pattern with a total of £72,684 and 6 per cent misold. A set of very good quality reproduction Chippendale chairs made, according to the auctioneers, in the early twentieth century, sold for £3,500 (estimate £800-£1,200) to Hobbs. In Bond Street Sothely's were selling eighteenth and adneteenth-century pictures for a total of £33,393, and 3 per cent unsold. Paintings "in the manner of famous artists made the top prices; a version of the Lely portrait of Maria d'Este that hangs at Althorp, Northampton, made £800 (estimate £300-£500) and a "Constable" jandscape £500 (estimate £300-£400). By Geraldine Norman

Sale Room Correspondent

A furniture sale at Christie's, South Kensington, yesterday indicated that that market was getting off on an even keel for the new year. Prices were not in the main running beyond expectations and the sale totalled £89,500, with 12 per cent unsold. There was a pair of George III mahogany serpentine foldower card tables, rather heavily restored, which went at £2,600 (estimate £1,000.£1,500), selling to Baxter. A mahogany longcase clock, an elaborate £dwardian piece with several extra dials, went to A. and F. Gordon at £3,000 (estimate £2,500.£3,500).

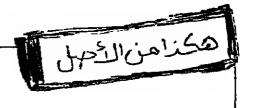
25 years ago From The Times of Monday, Jan 17, 1955

abandoned. Germans as well as others are bound to look ahead and see what the state of Federal From The Times of Monday, Jan 17, 1955

If the record of four-power talks on Germany were different from what it is, it might seem tempting to explore the meaning of the statement further. But the insistence on setting aside the Paris agreements is far more precise than the suggested plan for unity. That is enough to put anyone on guard. It suggests—and the otherwise curious offer to open relations with Federal Germany supports the suggestion—that Russian has no hope of German unity and really seeks to renew her offer of a European security pact, provided that Western European Union is

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■ Sterling 52.26775 down 971 points Index 71.7 down 0.3

Dollar Index 84.6, up 0.3

Gold

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\$755 an ounce up \$67.5

**3**-month money Inter-bank 1612 to 1618. Euro \$ 1416 to 1416

### - IN BRIEF

### Shell puts 4p on petrol price at pump

Shell has announced a 4p in-crease in the price of its per-rol without having agreed with the British National Oil Cor-poration on the cost of North Sea oil, which makes up half of its United Kingdom crude

The 4p rise, which was im-ground 5p to the average Shell pump price, making the charge for four star 122p, some 2p or 3p cheaper than the average price of BP petrol, which was raised by a similar amount earlier this week.

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English Property Corporation, now controlled by the
Canadian group, Olympia &
York Developments led by the
Reichman family, has transferred to a wholly-owned subsidiary of its parent EPC's offshoot Star Great Britain Overseas Holdings. Holdings has
half of Trizek, a Canadian real
estate company and nearly a estate company and nearly a quarter of Landmark Land, a United States property com-pany. EPC receives 254m.

### TV revenue down

Commercial television revenue in December was £50.3m, reflecting the continued pressure from advertisers following the blackout of screens earlier in the year. It was a slight reduction on the November revenue of £52m.

### Builders more hopeful

Confidence among private house-builders in future demand is growing; according to a survey carried out by the Department of the Environment. In November builders expected to start work again on 145,000 private homes in 1980. Six months earlier, they were expected to

### 600 laid off

Loss of 600 jobs at Borg-Warner, the automatic transmission manufacturers, has been hamed on the drop in the number of cars being built in Britain. The company, whose rearboxes are fitted to BL's big rars, said also that car manu-facturers were holding huge stocks of transmissions unused during the engineering strike last summer.

### 3-year expansion plan

Crown Paints is to spend 5m on modernization of its factory to Darwen, Lancashire, Mr Peter Burns the managing director said yesterday. The three-year plan, which will increase paint output by 28 per cent involves the merging of the present three separate production departments into a

### MG bid today

BL executives are expected to receive today a formal offer from the consortium, led by Aston Martin Lagonds, to buy the MG sports car factory at Abingdon in Oxfordshire.

# Penguin redundancies

Penguin Books, which lost 5478,000 in the first six months of last year, is to make about 50 employees redundant and cut its publishing programme by 22 per cent

### Wall Street down 3.41 The New York Stock Ex-

a large turnover of 67 million shares. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 3.41 to 865.19. change saw profit taking on

# Three-year profit targets force huge increases in gas and electricity prices

By Nicholas Hirst **Energy Correspondent** 

Huge price rises are on the way for electricity and gas consumers. Mr David Howell, the Secretary of State for Energy, told the House of Energy, told the house of Commons yesterday that over the next three years domestic gas prices would have to rise at an annual rate of 10 per cent more than the rate of inflation and alectricity prices. inflation and electricity prices

by 5 per cent more. Even on the conservative estimates of inflation prepared by the London Business School this will mean that by 1983 gas prices will have increased by prices will have increased by more than 80 per cent and electricity by nearly 60 per cent. On more pessimistic assumptions gas prices could well double over the period.

Over the next 12 months consumers will face two increases. Domestic gas prices will rise by 17 per cent on April 1 with a further 10 per cent to come in October and domestic electricity prices will rise by

electricity prices will rise by around 17.5 per cent, varying slightly from region to region, with a further 5 per cent in Most of the inflation element

of the increase will thus be implemented at the start of the gas and electricity industries financial year.

Government has imposed the need for the rises on a willing British Gas Corporation and Electricity Council by fixing financial targets for both groups requiring them to make sub-stantial profits.

The return on British Gas's assets is set at a parget of 9 per cent in real terms, a sharp increase on the 6 per cent it achieved in 1978-79 when the corporation made a record inflation-adjusted profit of

The scale of profits by Brit-ish Gas, which has started to make a net contribution to the Exchequer, has been widely

Warning of

more cuts in

Lord Jellicoe, chairman of Tate & Lyle, gave a warning yesterday that further cutbacks in United Kingdom sugar re-fining could be necessary this

sals to reduce beet production

quotas are allowed to go

Ministers are expected to discuss the letest round of sugar

quotes, covering the period up to 1985, at a meeting in Brus-

The proposals, which call for

a reduction of around 71 per cent in European sugar produc-tion, are expected to be vigor-ously opposed by Mr Peter Walker, Minister of Agricul-ture, as they could force Britain

to import more expensive sugar from the continent.

The British Sugar Corporation has already binted that the effect of cutting back its own quots to something under 1.2

million tous a year could threaten 2,500 jobs in the best

lion tous a year.
Lord Jellicoe said that if the

proposals were abandoned and the corporation was able to

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The electricity industry in
England and Wales, which
made a real loss of £166m in its last financial year, is required to make an average real return on net assets of 1.8 per cent—a much lower target than for gas and one which recognizes the industry's higher costs.

Mr Howell told MPs that the price consumers paid for fuels

must reflect their value and take into account the fact that their supply was limited.

"We must conserve our scarce energy supplies for future generations," he said.

"After a year in which crude oil supplies have risen by 100 per cent or more, this is bound to mean heart for more than the said.

to mean heavy increases in other fuel prices." Other fuel prices."

Dr David Owen, Opposition
Energy spokesman, described
the figures as "astronomical"
while Mr Wedgwood Benn,
former Energy Secretary, said
the resulting rise in industrial
costs would lead to further
difficulties in exporting and
maintaining employment

difficulties in exporting and maintaining employment.

"In the long run what Britain needs is a powerful manufacturing industry on which it can rely when oil runs out", Mr Benn said.

Mr Howell's statement is welcomed by both the gas corporation and the electricity authorities. The electricity authorities have long thought that domestic gas was priced that domestic gas was priced too low in comparison with its

too low in comparison with its alternatives and the gas corporation faces increasingly higher costs in obtaining supplies from the fields of the northern North Sea.

Domestic gas prices rose by 10 per cent in April, 1977, and then by 8 per cent in June, 1979, but in real terms declined by more than 15 per cent in

Britain is heading for an increase in pay at least as great

public sector seems to be lead-

people covered by the Department of Employment's new

index for earnings figures.
The increase compares with

one of 17 per cent in the year to October, but it probably over-states the likely result of the pay round overall. The Novem-ber figures may have been

boosted by some catching up in overtime by workers in the engineering industry, dealing with the backlog of work. There is also a clear tendency for the

earnings index to suggest an in-crease in the average pay of workers at this time of year which turns out to be higher than that for the whole pay

By David Blake

Public sector leading

during the current pay round index of average earnings is as during the last one and the much broader based than the

ing the way.

Average earnings in November are estimated to have been 19.2 per cent higher than a year earlier for the 21 million workers. Much of the workers in the public sector.

There has been a tendency in recent years for the old

way on wage rises

attacked, particularly by con-sumer groups. increases. Industry groups have complained of the unfairness of their subsidizing domestic users and the new rises will go some way to correct this.

Neither electricity nor gas is expected to meet its new financial target in the first of the three years for which it is imposed. Both industries have pushed for a target, however, to which they could work over a reasonable period and believe they have received what they

Mr Howell recognized that in imposing a clear financial discipline on the industries, adjustments to higher prices could cause serious problems for many consumers, especially the old and the poor. The new scheme of assistance with heat-ing costs announced by Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Social Services, on State for Social Services, on October 22 was designed to provide help for those most in need but the whole range of assistance is being reviewed.

There were five reasons, Mr Howell said, why domestic gas prices had to rise. If the price were too low supplies would be burned too quickly, forcing the nation to use more expensive energy sources: in the sive energy sources; in the short term low prices could cause surges in peak demand which could not be met; gas from the new North Sea fields was more expensive than earlier supplies; a sensible approach to pricing was vital to scheve a proper balance between all consumers of gas and low prices concentrated the benefits on one

by more than 15 per cent in that period. The domestic market will only break even this year while industrial consumers have been forced to bear the brunt of all price in the rate of inflation.

deescalation of pay. This is particularly true in the public

sector, where the miners settled for about 20 per cent. The new

older series which covers only

in recent years for the old index to rise more quickly than

the new index as a result of Government pay policies holding down the earnings of the public sector more effectively than they restrained private sector pay. This year, the reverse is true. The old index

# Gold at \$755 after biggest jump ever

More records were smashed More records were smashed on the world's bullion markets yesterday as the gold price soared yet again. After passing \$700 an ounce in New York overnight, it shot to \$765 at the morning Eix in London. The \$77.5 jump from Tuesday's close was the largest recorded on a single day.

single day.

Although some of the ardour cooled during the day; the price still ended \$67.5 higher at \$755 an ounce. Hecric dealing characterized the morning session in London. The price went from 5741 to 5775 at one stage. Its

closing price in New last night was \$745.

The jump was triggered by news that America was not planning to hold more gold auctions for the time being.

This was contrary to market expectations.

Dealers said business was heavy, although no figures for turnover on the gold market are available, Gold is traded almost without national bar-riers. Price movements in London are continued in New York and then the action moves to the Far East and Hongkon 2. Recent price movements have an air of unreality, and no one is willing to guess where the price will go next.

International tensions have fuelled demand for gold—a traditional hedge against political instability.

It is now worth \$228.5 and ounce more than at the end of last year—an astonishing rise of more than two fifths in just

Despite the rush into gold, the dollar remained surpris-

over two weeks.



ingly strong. However, it slipped towards the end of the day. Sterling moved against the trend, losing nearly a cent against the dollar to close at \$2.26775. It was 0.3 points down on the effective index to 71.7 per cent of its end 1971 value.
Against other currencies the
dollar dropped slightly to
DM 1,7215, and Swiss francs

Michael Prest writes: Stockbrokers reported heavy buying of gold shares. South African mines were especially popular, receiving further encouragement from a spate of sub-stantial profit increases in the round of quarterly

The day also saw some old names stepping back into the limelight as the prospect of permanently higher gold and other precious metal prices persuaded companies to reopen mines previously con-sidered unprofitable.

In San Francisco, Homestake Mining announced it is to revive

Mining announced it is to evive the Fimiston gold mines near Kalgoorlie in Western Austra-lia. About \$28.5m (£12.6m) will be spent on reequipping

Mr Neville Johnson has

resigned as chairman and chief

executive of Kitchen Queen

and has sold a large slice of

shares in the furniture group he brought to market 15

His sudden departure follows a boardroom clash with Mr Len Morris and Mr Jim Bentham, the two entrepreneurs who

the two entrepreneurs who created and sold him their Moben Home Improvements

group last November.

months ago.

increase in tax revenue, com-bined with the constant revaluation of its gold reserves, has caused the treasury's reserves

Government officials from Britain, France, Japan, West Germany and the United States met here earlier this week to find ways to strengthen inter-national monetary cooperation, writes Frank Vogi from Wash-

ingron.

The meeting, chaired by Mr Anthony Solomon, Under-Secretary of the United States Treasury for Monetary Affairs, "discussed all current monetary issues, including the International Monetary Fund's substitution account plan and what has been happening in the gold market", said a treasury spokesman.

Apparently there was general agreement at the meeting that political factors were totally dominating the gold markets and that there was little point in any central bank selling gold. At the same time the officials are believed to have reviewed are believed to have reviewed, latest currency market devel-opments, with the American side indicating they were generally satisfied about the dollar's per-

Kitchen Queen chairman resigns

and sells shareholding for £1.5m

two mines which were closed in 1976 because the gold price was too low.

High gold prices and rising profits from the mines are creating problems for the South African government. A sharp united States Treasury appears in the property of the plan being finalized within the next few months have increased. The substitution account plan for the IMF appears to have progressed. One diplomat noted that the prospects of the plan being finalized within the next few months have increased. The United States Treasury appears determined to win approval for determined to win approval for it at the interim committee meeting of finance ministers to be hel din Hamburg on April 25

Some City sources believe the reserves will be used to pay off prove South Africa's credit rating in the eyes of international bankers.

Government officials from The plan aims to give central banks an opportunity to exchange some of the dollars they hold for a special asset, valued in terms of special drawing rights and carrying a market-related rate of interest, that will related rate of interest. be issued by IMF. This system could enhance the reserve asset role of the SDR and possibly contribute to greater stability for the dollar in exchange markets.

The monetary officials are believed to have discussed ways in which the IMF's gold holdings of roughly 100 million ounces could be used to strengthen the substitution account plan.

one problem is that any use of gold in this context may appear to be a revival of gold's official role within the international monetary system, a development the United States is determined to avoid.

is determined to avoid.

Gold auction: The IMF announced yesterday that its next regular gold auction will be held on February 6 and deliveries will be made to the successful bidder later in New York. The IMF, as in the past, will offer 444,000 ounces of fine gold at market-related prices and the minimum bid will be for 1,200 ounces.

# concentrated the benefits on one section of the population to the disadvantage of the rest. Electricity prices had to rise so that they reflected the economic use of the resources consumed. They would need to rise by 5 per cent above the industry's own costs. The biggest element of costs is fuel and the National Coal Board, the industry's biggest supplier. has By Kenneth Owen

development of certain soft-ware products by its member-companies, in all of which the NEB holds a stake. Members NEB holds a stake. Members at present are Computer Analysts & Programmers (CAP), Systems Programming, Logica, Systime and Systems Designers. Recently the maneging directors of both Logica and SPL resigned from the Insac Products Board. Logica's future mem-bership of Insac remains in doubt and yesterday SPL con-firmed that negotiations with the National Enterprise Board

were taking place with the aim of a disposal of the NEB holding in Systems Programming to the private sector.
The NEB holds 30 per cent of the voting shares and 80 per cent of the non-voting

shares of Systems Programming Holdings. The new NEB board will meet next week to discuss the

reverse is true. The old index rose by 18.3 per cent in the year to November, which is 0.9 percentage points below the increase on the new index.

The impact of the various Clegg comparability studies is expected to push up the vital exmangs index by about 2 per cent over the year.

The latest figures show that in November average earnings role of Insec, as part of a general briefing on all NEB activities. Even if membership than that for the whole pay in November average earnings overtook the increase in retail evel of five companies, or to prices over the previous year, increase slightly, there would be good reasons for widening which the Government is having in converting its tight fiscal and monetary policy into a serious and monetary policy into a serious average earnings were to ramain at the present overtook the increase in retail level of five companies, or to prices over the previous year, increase slightly, there would be good reasons for widening open considerably in the Insac role to include the below the increase in earnings. Table, page 21 members products. in November average earnings overtook the increase in retail

### **NEB** may sell stake in computer company

The National Enterprise
Board is likely to dispose of
its share of Systems Programming Holdings, the parent company of Systems Programming
Ltd (SPL), a leading computer
software house. And it will
probably open up the resources probably open up the resources of its insac Products software marketing subsidiary to non-members, that is, those in which the NEB does not hold

Kitchen Queen's stock-brokers, Halliday Simpson, said that none of the trio was pre-pared to make any further state-ment last night. Mr Morris has Insac Products finances the assumed the chairmenship and Mr Bentham will continue as managing director. Both will face an estimated 100 shareholders at the group's annual meeting at noon today in Manchester. It is understood the clash

nappened after Messra Morris and Bentham, who were still ruming Moben, saw "in house" figures for the Knott Mill and Kitchen Queen side of the group and complained that financial controls were not tight enough. The company says it became apparent in November and December that lower sales from

Kitchen Queen's retail and manufacturing operations were

Losses on the manufacturing division for the six months ending February 29, will be an estimated £1.1m and on retailing will amount to £400,000. Moben is expected to achieve profits of £1.2m in the same period, compared with forecast profits of £1.5m for the year at the time of the £5m deal with Kitchen Queen.

That will mean a group loss of £20,000. The hoard ease



manufacturing will be back in the black in the second balf Queen had produced its first and the retailing side will also return to profitability.

£2.1m. This was before Kitchen Queen had produced its first half figures as a public company.

"The styles of the two sides are completely different," said Mr Don Godwin of Halliday Simpson. "After looking at all Mr Johnson should resign."

He takes with him around £1.5m from selling 8.5m of his 13 million shares to Mr Morris. The sale price was being kept secret but is believed to be around 18p.

Kitchen Queen's shares rose 2p to 28p yesterday, just 1p below the offer price in Novem-ber 1978, and giving a market capitalization of £8.4m against £14m at one stage.

What went wrong to drive the profits and share price down so low? Some in the City reckon Mr Johnson mied to do too much too soon.

The rapid expansion of the company, which was formed in 1965 in a rented garage, began last April when the group bought the 44-store kirchen furniture group Knott Mill for

Three months later it was

talking to Moben about buying the company. This was agreed last November.

Queen wanted to integrate the two and sell the units through their own outlets. Supplies were cut off from major customers like Marley Homecharm and Dodge City, and expected-sales failed to materialize at the group's own stores. But that problem, according to Halliday Simpson, has now

Mr Morris' purchase of 28 per cent of Kitchen Queen from Mr Johnson will mean that, by December, he will have around 35 per cent of the whole group, far above the trigger level for a bid under Takeover Panel rules. Under the Moben/ Kitchen Queen agreement, if Moben exceeds its profits fore-cast of £1.5m, Mr Morris will get a further six million shares:

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# Tate & Lyle, however, has always welcomed the proposals, saying that they could lead to greater price stability in Europe and rid the EEC of a sugar mountain running to three mil-Future drilling in depths of 2,000 feet may be possible

# Floating a new platform design

Conoco yesterday announced f600m plans to develop the Hutton oil field in the North Sea using a new type of production platform. The platform is based on a concept which, the company believes, opens up the possibility of operating in depths of up to 2,000 feet, well beyond the capability of existing offshore technology. the corporation was able to reach its production target of 1.3 million tons. Tate & Lyle might have to cut its output by 300,000 tons.

Tate & Lyle, which reported a profits jump from £24.6m to £26.2m for the year to last September, has already cut its production capacity by 650,000 tons since 1977, with a series of closures culminating in the shutdown of Walkers refinery at Greenock, Strathclyde, in November.

ing offshore technology.

Eventually, this could alter the price/cost equation by which the viability of recovering oil reserves is determined. In the immediate future it could bring much-needed work to British ship and platform

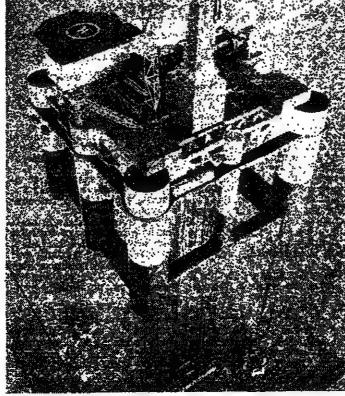
Conoco has submitted to the Department of Energy a development plan envisaging a tension leg platform (TLP).
Unlike other platforms, it would be a floating structure, anchored to the seabed by vertical mooring lines. Detailed work on the project

vards.

has already begun, and there is a strong possibility that a large part of the construction will be carried out in Britain. Contracts have been awarded to Bechtel Great Britain for project services and to another American company, Vetco Off-shore, for design of the well

Conoco is negotiating a

further design contract with Brown & Root (UK) and with Vickers Offshore, a subsidiary of British Shipbuilders, as subcontractors for hull and moring design. It is also talking to Lloyd's Register abour certification.
Conoco says that its platform
will be less vulnerable in bad than conventional platforms because its facilities will be installed before it is towed into place weather



A model of Conoco's tension leg platform design

The overall buoyancy of the platform will keep the lines in tension, and in all but the worst weather movement of the structure will be imperceptible to the 200 or so men on board.
Conoco hopes platform construction will begin in 1981,
with towout in late 1983. Production should then start early

The Hutton field, 90 miles north-east of Shetland, offers an opportunity to test the competitive with a conventional structure, but the site is deep enough, at 485 feet, for the concept to be worked to advan-

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### **Rumours of** Italian devaluation refuted

Signor Gaetano Stammati, Italian Minister of Foreign Trade, said in Rome that Italy's trading partners "would regard us as mad" if the government devalued the lira. He intervened, with an interview in the newspaper La Repubblica, in the debate which has gathered strength since the publication on Saturday of a 1,458,000m lire (about £810m) trade deficit for

He admitted that industrialists were pressing for devaluacompetitiveness abroad. Last Italian export prices rose by about 17 per cent against an average 13 per cent in other countries. But, the minister believed, Italian firms were exporting not at a loss, only with reduced margins.

### Ford first in France

Ford-France SA sold 90,650 vehicles in France last year, thus maintaining the first place among foreign importers, the company announced in Paris. The total, however, was below the 93,400 units sold in 1978. dua to the six week strike in the group's British plants at the end of 1978.

Italy freezes credits Italy will freeze its trade present levels, effectively limit. country, in response to the Western protest against the invasion of Afghanistan, a foreign ministry spokesman

Tokyo export record Japan's certified exports in 1979 rose by 7.8 per cent to a record \$107,230m (about £47,558m) from \$99,450m a year earlier, according to the international Trade and Industry Ministry.

### German petrol up

Deutsche Shell AG an-nounced in Hamburg it will increase retail petrol prices in increase retail petrol prices in West Germany for super and regular grades by between six and seven pfennigs a litre and for diesel by five pfennigs from today. The present prices are super grade, 106 pfennigs (about 27p) a litre, regular 102 pfennigs, and diesel 106 pfennigs.

### \$70m components plant

Ford Motor Co has armounced in Detroit it will a \$70m (about £31m) plastic plant in West Berlin components to manufacture important in producing lighter, fuel-saving vehicles. It will employ 700 workers when it opens in 1981.

### French jobless rise

The number of job-seekers in France rose by 1.8 per cent (seasonally adjusted) to 1,370,000 from 1.345,000 in November, the labour ministry reports. The December 2013 reports. The December total was 12.4 per cent above that of December, 1978.

### £3m furnace order

Born International, of Brighton, has won a £3.3m order to supply furnaces for petrochemical plants being built by West German contractors at Nauking and Shangbai. The projects have been commissioned by the China National Technical Import Corporation. Corporation.

### Iranians threaten to cut oil supplies if Tokyo follows American line

### Japan caught in sanctions dilemma Self-denigration the worst

Afghanistan have left Japan in the midst of diplomatic and economic trouble which may seriously affect its energy programmes and industries in the months to

Japan intends to import 265 million tons of oil for 1980, 5 million less than in 1979. But supplies are now less predictable and will largely depend on how Japan behaves over American proposals for economic sanctions against Iran and the Soviet Union.

It appears Japan will follow the American guidelines for punitive action in spite of this week's strong warning from Iran.

Mr Ali Akbar Moinfar, Iran's oil mini-ster, told the Japanese ambassador in Tehran that oil exports ould stop if Japan imposed sanctions. This warning was received in Tokyo with "surprise" since the Japanese had been "under the impres-sion" that the newly arranged import plan for 1980—of 530,000 barrels a day at 530 for 1980—of \$30,000 barrels a day at \$30 dollars per barrel, representing an increase of some 15 per cent from 1979's 460,000 barrels—would go ahead whatever antifranian measures Japan might impose. Japan's final position on sanctions depends on consultations with Mr Philip Habib, the former United States under-

Secretary of State, who arrived in Tokyo

vesterday. But it is clear that an Iranian embargo of oil would have a serious impact, cutting total oil imports by some per cent.

Another "hostage" could be a petro chemical complex Japan and Iran are jointly building in Iran. It is a 780,000m yen (£1,380.5m) project with government investment amounting to 20,000m yen (£35.4m). Japanese construction has now stopped and the United States does not want it to be restarted despite Iranian

An alternative oil supply would be an increase of spot purchases in other mar-kets. These account for between 10 and 12 per cent of Japan's total oil imports, though government sources have indicated that, with reserves amounting to 110 days, spot market buys should be discouraged until March.

Major international suppliers have cut their sales sharply to those not affiliated to them, and the cutback has also started affecting their own affiliates. Caltex, a subsidiary of Socal and Texaco, told Nippon Petroleum that the supply for the January-March period would be reduced by 27 per cent or 200,000 barrels a day. This alone represents some 5 per cent of January and prographs 10 Japan's total imports, and more than 10 per cent of supply by the main companies

Industry sources are worried that Caltex will be followed by such as Exxon, Mobil

and Shell which seem to have placed priority on their own countries. Faced with such bleak prospects, Japan

is vulnerable to whatever retalizatory measures Iran and the Soviet Union may rake. However, the government has initiated a "Save Energy" campaign, in an attempt to cut down energy consumption by 7 per cent (20 million tons) a

Japan needs Iranian oil and such Russian resources as oil, natural gas and coal more than they need Japanese money or

It is against this background that Japan is demonstrating a measure of resistance against the United States demand for imposing sanctions. It is, however, doubt-ful if Tokyo can be as independent as

West Germany and France may be.
Foreign ministry sources have already indicated that despite Iran's warning, Japan would "accommodate" the Americans. Tokyo has also already told Washington that, as a means of expressing "displeasure" with Moscow, the Japanese government would not enter into longrange agreements or expand economic

relations.
Evidently, Japan fears retaliatory action from the United States for rejecting the demand for sanctions more than fears retaliation from Iran and the

Koji Nakamura

### More weight for EEC monetary committee

From Peter Norman Brussels, Jan 16 Britain, France and West Germany are to upgrade their representation on the EEC's Monetary Committee, each by appointing a top-level monetary

official to vacant positions. Although under the EEC treaty the committee has advisory status only, the revamp suggests that it is now destined to play a more important role in coordinating monetary policy among the Nine. The changes are due to be formally carried

through at a meeting Brussels next Wednesday. Britain's new representative will be Sir Kenneth Couzens,

Second Permanent Secretary at the Treasury who is respon-sible for overseas affairs. The Garmans will be appoint ing Herr Manfred Lanustein, the state secretary in the finance ministry, who in effect controls the Boun end of Ger-

many's monetary policy. France's representative will by M Jean Yves Haberer, the director of the treasury and therefore equivalent in rank to Herr Lahnstein. M. Haberer, who is expected to take over the chairmanship of the committee from M Jacques van Ypersele of Belgium, has a reputation for toughness and is reported to be anything but an anglophile.

The decision to give more weight to the committee is thought to have been taken on the fringe of the EEC summit in Dublin last November.

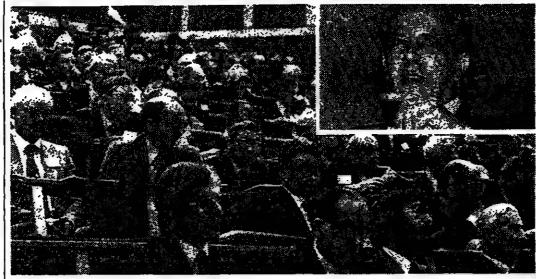
making powers so that it can take some of the burden off finance ministers.

M van Ypersele's departure as committee chairman (he is expected to stey as a member) will be regretted by many, but it is recognized that as chief adviser to the Belgian Prime Minister he has been fully stretched through the recent months of government crisis in Brussels.

M van Ypersele has been an enthusiastic supporter of push-ing ahead with the further de-velopment of EMS, France and Germany on the other hand are known to have reservations.

There is considerable scepticism among high-level officials that the March 1981 deadline for the establishment of the European Monetary Fund can be kept, despite the commitment given by heads of gov-ernment in Dublin.

Redfearn National Glass



Sir Keith Joseph (inset) told the conference the Government would not flinch from

# **Broad backing for Finniston**

By Derek Harris Commercial Editor

Support for a new angineering authority to improve the performance of manufacturing industry came yesterday from Sir Terence Beckett, cheirman and managing director of Ford of Britain.

He was speaking at a con-ference on the Finniston report on the engineering profession and manufacturing industry, attended by almost 300 at the City University, London. If the authority succeeded in its job, it could eventually be disbanded, because there was value in having a number of special interests such as the universities, the professional institutions and industry, Sur

to the report, which recom-mends a new authority to organize the registration of engineers and accredit their educarton, to be largely "yes" fol-lowed by "but".

act as a continuing focus for effort, the Finniston initiative could be lost, Sir Terence warned. Sir Terence stressed the value of a production planning group to identify market oppor-tunities and products to exploit

Without a new authority to

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry, who will decide government policy on Finniston after consultation, reiterated that the Government would not flinch either from

He expected industry reaction creating a new organization of the report, which recom-tends a new authority to if they were convinced it would

in they were convinced it would improve industry.

But he gave two warnings. One was that industry's problems could not be viewed in too simplistic a way, blaming one particular relationship between business management and the engineering profession. There also had to be great caution in introducing from the centre introducing from the centre changes in a decentralized education system that was-essential to a free society.

year, despite the damage done
by a sharp drop in overseas
candidature; in the current
round, numbers continue to Sir Robert Clayton, technical director of the General Electric Company (GEC), supported the report's ideas. The problem was round, numbers continue to rise steeply in applications for aeromentical, electrical and general angineering, in computing science (by 37 per cent), mathematics and physics. Even schools in the private sector now send half their university entrants to study finding the right people to re-spond to them, and particularly to discover bright middle

### As coordination of monetary policy in Europe becomes increasingly important, it was apparently felt that the monetary committee should name more people with decision-Britain is experiencing a upper hand over their British

second gold rush, not around counterparts in other ways. the offices of the bullion dealers but in High Street jewelry

Imports of gold items for hallmarking in British assay offices soured by nearly 60 per cent in the last three months. According to industry sources, the bulk of the increase was caused by the immense popularity of nine carat gold chain from Italy which undercuts the British equivalent but is banned

Jewelry manufacturers now believe that Italians gain the

British manufacturers are not too worried by increasing imports, however. Many of the goods require finishing work in this country before going on

عباو. "By and large British manufacturers had a good year in 1979," said one industry analyst. "Their main worry at the moment is that retail jewellers did well at Christmas but because of escalating gold prices did not convert their capital into stocks."

The level of imports has been so high that there has been talk of a call for a European Commission investigation to test whether the chain was being subsidized by the Italian Government.

Into stocks."

The London, Birmingham, Sheffleld and Edinburgh assay offices hallmarked a record total of 29,455,793 articles made total of 29,455,793 article ted for 24.4 per cent of the total, compared with 14.4 per cent in 1978.

### De Lorean may build family car

By David Felton De Lorean Motor Cars, which is to start producing £8,000 sports cars from a new plant in West Belfast next July, is having to boost production with the introduction of new models.

Executives are looking at the possibility of building a family car alongside the sports car which received £56m ald from the last Lebour Government.

Mr Eugene Caffero, De
Lorean president and chief
executive, said in Belfast last
night that the company could
not afford to rely on one model.

a fee. He is paid only if a sale results; often an estate agent will expend time and money and receive no reward. Construction started on the Belfast plant six months ago and is expected to be producing 30,000 cars a year by the middle of 1931. The sports car will be sold initially in the United Estate agents are in fierce competition and their clients are free to choose and to make their own bargain in respect of their charges.

A surveyor is remunerated quite differently. He is paid a fee based upon the time employed and the degree of skill required. He has to be paid whether or not the results

# 'a myth', report says

tries and points out that de-veloped countries within the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development still substantial trade surpluses

The report says action should

ponsible for three quarters of OECD imports. They are Hong-kong, Taiwan, South Korea, Spain, Mexico, Singapore, Yugo-slavia, Brazil and Portugal. Despite the dramatic growth of this trade it accounted for only 8.5 per cent of OECD imports by 1978 and had an imports by 1978 and had an imports by 1978. portant impact only in certain subsectors, the report says. Effects on employment have been small, displacing only a small part of the United King-dom labour force between 1970

often be seen in the long run the point of view of the importing country. And it should be regarded as only a shortterm measure to soften the immediate impact of NIC (newly industrialized countries) compe-

companies making speciality and particularly high quality or high fashion products should not only survive but actually pros-Small operations are likely to be more successful; larger con-

port adds. It says the newly industrial-ized countries will continue to move into new industries and other developing countries will seek to emulate their export

this could be China. The re-port says: "If China decides to develop large-scale export-orien-ted manufacturing industries, it

within the next two to three years! To the uninitiated a "standard" could be deter-Sir, There can be no question of the underlying wisdom within Sir Michael Edwardes's "buy British" letter. We Brimined and agreed by two or three competent engineers within two days and leave time for a round of golf. Unfortunately the underlying difficulties are deliberate and in the tish undoubtedly have an ease of acceptance of foreign made mon Market partners and con-tinuing frustration to United Kingdom manufacturers. Sir Michael did not refer to meantime we cannot export these items to Europe whereas we do not prevent their impor-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

one alarming aspect of genuine inter trade which certainly is I have been present at meetings where both German and French partners have emphatiused as a deterrent to imports by Japan, the United States, and more particularly our EEC partners—that is technical barriers to trade. cally stated against each other that unofficial recognition of technical barriers will continue until the "other party" relaxes—meanwhile we con-tinue to exercise our inherent right to British fair play—we It is so easy to invent rea-sons which inevitably have the effect of making it increas-ingly difficult for British goods

to be exported whereas the United Kingdom seems to go buy foreign. Numerous other examples could be quoted and if examined in detail should no doubt out of its way to ease restrictions on imports.

The United States introduced retractable car bumper
conditions—very safe—but invoke similar actions on our part—at least until a more equitable political solution is 'In the not too distant past

disease of the British

goods which is a source of in-creasing delight to our Com-

waited until they were some years whead on development and then created immediate importation difficulties. my company lost a substantial order for capital equipment for one of Her Majesty's dockimportation difficulties.

The United States and Japan introduced stringent pollution limitations for car exhausts—very laudable—but again an importation restriction which is still greatly limiting imports.

Closer to home we have the continuing saga of "agreed design conditions" for sir receivers. Does is not horder yards-the order was awarded to an American company for goods manufactured in Italy.
Our protests to the then minister of state produced the
reply: "We must be seen to
be giving the Common Market , a chance to work "

Perhaps rather more ironically (and more recently) having supplied British Leyland in all its previous guises for 50 receivers. Does it not border on the incredible that discussions have been going on in Brussels to arrive at a " standard for 14 years? At a meeting in Brussels a few weeks
ago we heard quite senior
members of the commission
optimistically declare that the

A swing to engineering

mala preserva.

many others.

Yours faithfully,

President, Secondary Resds Association,

made to ensure that British in-

dustry attracts, retains and makes good use of engineering

graduates of quality, and that they should be prepared for a

fuller role in management. If

this does not bappen, we fear a repetition of events from the time of the Dainton Report in the mid-1960s. Responding to

the supposed needs of the moment, schools encouraged science options, watched their pupils graduate in the early 1970s and were dismayed by the coincidence of a cutback in moderate enter by ICI and

graduate entry by ICI and

Of course, this brought a wave of potential chemical engineers back into teaching;

but should we really be pin-

From the President, the

Secondary Heads Association
Sir, While giving welcome prominence to the report of the
Finniston Committee, you have

also perpetuated the notion that our secondary schools

"direct a disproportionate number of their ablest children away from engineer-

ing and other applied studies". This may have been true until the 1960s, but by the time of the "great debate" there was already a so significant swing

to engineering in university applications that the number of well-qualified candidates seemed set to exceed within a

very few years the places avail-

able.
That trend continues this

university entrants to study mathematics, science and en-

Faced in our schools with

the threatened extinction of

some liberal arts, we are bewildered to read of their continu-

ing domination.
The real deterrents are

From Mr D. M. L. Alexander

reported by the Finniston JOHN SAYER,
Committee—acute shortages of specialist teachers. To chese must be added the inadequations of the committee acute shortages of the committee acute shortages of the committee acute specialist teachers. To chese must be added the inadequation acute of the committee acute shortage of the committee acute shortages of the committee acute shortage a

Sweden! In neither case was could be concluded

It has been said world-wide that the British disease is trade union power. Admittedly bad and outdated union internal management techniques .. have made a major contribubut our greatest disease is our umbelievable ability to den-igrate ourselves. We are con-stantly assailed with our weak. nesses by management associa-tions, trade unious, news-papers, television, radio. What, we do not seem to understand is that we are one of perhaps two or three countries in the world that has a nationwide "instant" communications "instant" communications network. All our ills become known worldwide overnight.

Conversely, what are we publicly told of the same type of ills in other countries? We condition ourselves against buying British—and at the same time we condition our overseas potential customers to

buy anything but British.

Let us not wait for a war suddenly to find that our near neighbours are not such had people after all—let us buy "British—it may even lead to us thinking that we are British— which in turn will lead us to sell British and regain a deserved place among the world powers.

Minor advantages such as lower unemployment, higher productivity, better balance of trade payments, might even be picked up along the way. Yours faithfully, H. S. HILL. 47 Englestede Close, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham 20.

### Inflation accounting

vey of secondary school build-From Mr H. M. Williams ings (1977) which showed 85 per cent of our schools lacking in spaces for practical subjects, and the recent survey by Her Sir, Oliver Stanley (January 7) has pointed out that in "1977 the 'little men' in the Iostitute Majesty's Inspectorate, recording a shortage of laboratory space in 40 per cent of the schools visited. Finally, industry and schools have not of Chartered Accountants threw out CCA as being too complex."

As one of the thousands of little men who did the throwing I would like to say that CCA was not rejected mainly as being too complex but because it was to become complex and wardens. Historical yet succeeded in dispelling the belief that engineering is a pulsory and reptace Historical Cost Accounting. Those who run schools will welcome the amempts being

I do not think I am alone when I suggest the enswer to this problem of infletion accounting lies in presenting a balance sheet with two sets of figures. The first sat would be the historically factual and therefore accurate ones (true and fair); the second set either siongside or elsewhere in note form would be the estimated up-to-date values (take them or leave them) . What I objected to was the

that published should consist Droposel entirely of estimated figures. I feel sure that if any new proposals seek to replace fact with fiction they too will be thrown out by the limit men. Yours faithfully. H. M. WILLIAMS, Lower Willsworthy,

ning our only hope of recruit-ment to schools on industrial unpredictability? Peter Tavy, Tavistock, Devon PL19 9NB.

### Intervention in steel strike

From the Chairman of the National Committee of Conservative Trade Unionists Sir, The article by Pener Hill in your Business News claiming that the Conservative Government will be forced to intervene ment will be forced to intervene in the steel strike to effect a settlement is both false and irresponsible. It is false because it assumes that the unions involved will not draw back from the Gadarene rush to destruction when realism, common than the interests of sense and the interests of their members demand that.... they do indeed draw back.

It is irresponsible because it. seeks to influence the Government to buy off the strikers. with taxpayers money and that to achieve at best a temporary relief. It shows further irrespon-sibility in that it risks encouraging the union leaders to believe that they might succeed in their aims, when if they did it would have disastrous consequences for the steel industry.

If the union leaders want a face saver there is one ready to hand. Let them ballot their members and the strike will FRED HARDMAN. Coppice House, Coalbrookdale, Shropshire. progressive decline in recent January 9.

# When Mr Henry was seeking suitable quotes from the postal service he might have turned to M. E. Corby's recent book (The Postal Business 1969-79) which provides a comprehensive analysis of the decline of the mail. services and concludes "the high cost of postal Sir. I am afraid the

From Mr Stanley Steward Sir, I am afraid that you have turned the clock back more than twenty years by describing me as chairman of the South Western Electricity Board when publishing my letter (January 16) on this subject.

Since my time there have been three chairmen of SWEB, including the present chairman of the Central Electricity Generating Board, but I am sure that all would endorse my that a programme of railway electrification is now an urgent neccessity. Yours faithfully,

STANLEY STEWARD, The Athenaeum, London, SW1Y 5ER. January 16.

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We achieved a significant increase in the volume of containers sold, leading to an improved market share. Sales of our wide-mouth bottles to the soft drinks industry more than doubled and a useful increase has been recorded in sales to the wine

and spirits industry. However, these achievements were offset by reduced profit margins caused by continued price competition. There are signs that continental producers may be adopting a more realistic pricing policy. This tendency, if maintained, would of course benefit

UK producers. The aim of our cost reduction programme is to put the company in a much better competitive position vis-a-vis our continental

competitors where rates of labour productivity are usually much higher. Redundancy payments as a result will bear heavily on the company in the short-term but the future benefit should be substantial.

A significant increase in

by the Chairman, Mr. John Pratt.

volume of containers sold

The following is an extract from the Statement

It is, therefore, likely that the company will be in a break-even situation during the first half of the current year but I forecast a substantial improvement in the second half. Results for the full year 1979/80 are therefore likely to be comparable with those of 1978/79.

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts may be obtained from the Secretary.

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# Trade threat from Taiwan

By David Hewson countries, leading them into The supposed trade threat to diversification, and the propping the West from newly industrialized countries such as Hongkong and Taiwan is largely "Consequently protection can a myth, according to a report from the Economist Intelligence

Unit published today.
In turn, the report accuses
the West of underestimating its
own dealings with these coun-

with them

The short and medium-term
problems for the West, it concludes, are to shift the focus
of industry to the products in
which it is relatively competi-

be taken to remedy the in-equality in the impact of trade equality in the impact of trade with newly industrialized coun-tries. It produces deficits in American and Canadian manu-facturing trade but surpluses for western Europe and Japan. Nine newly industrialized countries are identified as res-possible for three quarters of

tries.
"Consequently protection can

rition."
The report says these coun-

heavily affected by competition from these countries, individual

would obviously be a very dif-ferent type of animal to any existing NICs".

EIU Special Report No 73.

The New Industrial Countries and their impact on Western Manufacturing, 550

tries will continue to move up-market, especially in response to import restrictions.

Even in the subsectors most

cerns making non-speciality pro-ducts at middle to upper mar-ket price ranges are likely to find the going tougher, the re-

growth.

The most dramatic example of

Protectionist measures would and their impact of fail to stem the rise of these Manufacturing, £50.

Payments to estate agents

they do not perform work on a specularive basis in the hope or expectation that the result will be advantageous or profitable to their clients. Sir, Your correspondent, Mr Bourgoin (January 10) is confusing apples with oranges. His estate agent, like any agent, will receive a commission not Some estate agents have experimented with charging lower rates of commission coupled with charges payable by their clients whether or not a sale results. For instance, they may charge for advertising and may charge for advertising and registering the property on the agent's books. On the whole the general public does not like this system and most agents therefore give the public what they want and charge for their services solely on results achieved.

of his efforts prove to be of any value to his client. D. M. L. ALEXANDER. 35 Lancaster Avenue, Hadley Wood, Solicitors and most other Hadley professionals charge fees similarly. Unlike estate agents, Herts. Barnet,

services and mail productivity,

when users have suffered a

When Mr Henry was seeking

to 30 per cent improvement in productivity" Perhaps postal management could take this as their first objective and let

their customers know when it is likely to be attained.

results achieved.

### Post Office productivity From Mr A. S. Brode

Sir, I refer to Mr D. Henry's postal business should wait claim that the Post Office until November, 1979, to vigorously pursues a policy announce that it is going to of open communication with try to do something about poor the media and its customers \* (Letters, January 7). My company is a major user of postal services and relies upon them for the distribution of its products and services. The rising cost of postal services is of vital concern to us, yet no-one from the Post Office contacted my organization to state that from the Post Office contacted my organization to state that the tariff increases were to be introduced unabated on February 4, 1980, and I was left to obtain the information from the Mail Users' Association.

Mr Henry seeks credit for meeds of the marketplace.

(Inc. Total which provides a comprehensive analysis of the decline of the mail. services and concludes "the high cost of postage can only be attributed to needs of the marketplace.

"The indications from various "The indications from various studies carried out by the Post Office independent inquries are that there is scope for a 20

the Mail Users' Association.

Mr Henry seeks credit for postal performance over Christmas. During this period mail deliveries to my company were very erratic and on some days when mail was scheduled to arrive, we received none at all. Surely no plaudits are required for a monopoly when it performs its assigned task?

No statements of any worth have been issued about the

No statements of any worth have been issued about the two-year postal plan to improve service and productivity. A. S. BRODE, No objectives have been stated; nothing in detail published about the plan; and it appears that there has been no briefing about it for user Surbiton, Surrey KT6 7EY. organizations. Moreover, it is January 8.

# Kitchen Queen: who carries the can?

Within the mass of Stock Exchange operanion, Kitchen Queen may weigh little enough. But all the same, the sudden descent of this Northern kitchen specialist from the ranks of the respectable performers raises some important questions.

How on earth does it happen that a com-pany that came to the market with such panache and so much promise (not to men-tion a £1.3m profit to its founder and chairman, Mr Neville Johnson) a mere 14 months ago, can now be turning in losses on such a scale that the shares have dropped by a third in a month?

If the company was on the high road to such a debacle anyway, should not the issue have been stopped—by the issuing house, the accountants, the lawyers, or the Stock Exchange? If the problems developed in the the last two months of 1979, why was the chairman still anticipating "another record year" by the middle of December? And last bur not least, what happens now?

It looks as though Kitchen Queen's prob-lems stem from a failure of management, plain and simple: and the Stock Exchange and everyone else involved in the issue is taking the line that there was no obvious sign of this 14 months ago, and it was no business of theirs to anticipate its development. This is the gist of the argument put to the Council for the Securities Industry with considerable vehemence, when it tried to introduce a new code for the issuing houses last summer; and it ought to be a source of embarrassment to everyone involved, that the deficiencies of accepted practice have been shown up so soon after-

For however toughly the City establishment argues the doctrine of survival of the firtest, it is a fact that a development like this is going to be a cause of scandal to the small investors whom it is trying to inveigle back into the market (and in a case like this, very probably to the 14 institutions who took the shares that ICFC unloaded in the summer, too).

At a time when too many small companes argue that the listing requirements are so tough that they are not prepared to go public, it is absurd that such a fate should

befall one of the few that have.

The company's future is now delivered into the hands of Messrs Morris and Bentham. They have proved themselves adept at building companies up and seiling them on: but whether they are equally adept at rescuing them remains to be seen. So the shares are a straight gamble for the moment,

Tate & Lyle.

### Benefits from rationalization

Tate & Lyle's pre-tax profits are up 6.5 per cent at £26.2m and thus a shade better than market expectations even allowing for H bigger than expected boost of £6m from exceptional items—mainly the proceeds from the African Products divestment.

The group, is now looking much leaner after the heavy divestments and rationalization of the last two years. Refining capacity worldwide has been brought into closer balance with demand; the group has sold its way out of hefty shipping problems and with borrowings down from £115m to despite £25m capital expenditure

balance-sheet is beginning to look healthy. All this makes Tate look like a good recovery stock on a two-year view, though in short-term there are question marks against most activities, not least commo-dity trading and United Kingdom refining. On the face of it sugar trading which saw profits slump from £19.6m to £10.4m

last year could be set to surge ahead again on the back of a soaring commodity price, but political uncertainty casts a long shadow over the international market at the moment. The other unknown concerns which way

the EEC is going to Jump on current sugar quota negotiations. Tate likes the sound of current proposals as much as the British Sugar Corporation and indeed the Ministry of Agriculture dislikes them. If cutbacks in beer quotas go abead as tabled Tate could gain considerably from a stable and firmer price in Europe. If not, it could be forced to cut back United Kingdom refining even further or sit on its problems in the hope of a better world picture emerging in two or three years' time. Last year refining profits rose to £5.4m from £1.2m.

Breakthroughs in sugar-based alternatives to petrol and chemical products like plastics could all transform Tate & Lyle's profile in the long-term though it has beither the wherewithal nor the inclination to go-ahead with major projects on its own. These are specks on the horizon at the moment, though, and the shares up 10p to 170p yesterday, yielding just under 9 per cent on a maintained payment, may have come far enough until this year's outlook

Trusthouse Forte

### The planned Squibb deal

If Trust House Forte was not quite up to the profits target set by the market (a 23 per cent gain to £68.2m last year against outside estimates of £70m), then the dividend did the trick. A near 50 per cent increase here to 11.438p a share gross had the shares price 16p ahead by the end of the day at 159p to yield an acceptable 7.2 per cent-not bad for a company which is demonstrating growth of this sort and which has the balance-sheet to support further ambitions.

Those ambitions, if they materialize, would provide the keynote for 1980 rather



tourist traffic in this country and oilrelated recession in the United States which tend to dominate market thinking about Trust House at the moment.

Plans to acquire Dobbs House, the food services business of Squibb Corporation in the United States have been overlooked. But Trust House is in the final stages of negotiation with Squibb which if successful would involve paying around \$100m for a major stake in the American in-flight and surport catering. For perspective Dobbs House would come near to doubling Trust House United States profits

Thus, Trust House, having captivated the market three years ago with its Lyons' hotels purchase, is not resting on its Conditions may be more difficult this year, but occupancy rates in its London and provincial hotels chains remain much higher than average at around 75 per cent and much the same applies overseas.

It reckons on higher profits this year (the market may be looking for £10m more) as it squeezes out greater efficiency from the existing business. Beyond that there are the expansion possibilities in the United States—and perhaps even in United King-dom hotels. Thorn, after all, has indicated it may sell off peripheral businesses after its EMI acquisition and that could see Trust House buying the Tower Hotel after

### Diversifying successfully

Letraset is so for dispelling fears that it would not find it easy to diversify away from its extremely successful dry transfer base. But with more than a little help from the Stanley Gibbons acquisition in December 1978, it has got firmly back onto the growth tack that appeared at one stage to be eluding this one-product group.

The latest half-year pre-tax profits are 21 per cent up at £6.26m—slightly flattered by an above the line bonus of £472,000 from damages it received from its French competitor Mecanorma over a patent infringement—with the first time inclusion of Stanley Gibbons boosting the pre-tax figure by £1.37m and adding £10m to the more than 50 per cent sales gain to £35.5m.

Even so there still seems to be some momentum in the graphics side, although volume growth in the more mature dry transfer business was only 3 per cent against 8 per cent elsewhere.

A further drop in leisure and a rise in full year interest charges to £1.6m despite the recent rights issue is likely to mean pretax profits for the year of about £112m where a fully taxed p/e ratio of just under 9 at 142p, up 7p yesterday, seems a fair rating given the likely dividend yield of around 8 per cent.

### Economic notebook

# Bearing the burden

This year's wild scramble into to hold on to their overseas gold has snatched the headlines markets they take some of the away from what is likely to burden of a higher pound in prove, for Britain, a far more important movement on world financial markets: the steady rise in the value of the pound. Sterling is now more than rise in the value of the Sterling is now more than 8 per cent higher, against a basket of currencies, than it was in early November. It has not yet climbed back to the peaks reached in the mid summer but it is significantly higher than most economic foremarks and, worse, when Lesney Products, largest toy manufacturers.

The complaints from industry have been surprisingly muted. To some extent there is a conspiracy of silence about the damage the high pound is now inflicting on Britain's manufacturing base.

ufacturing base.

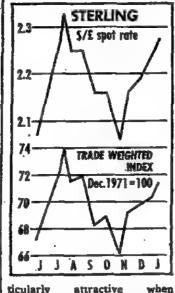
The Government is, on the whole in favour of a strong pound. It is certainly not willing to think of adapting its monetary and fiscal policy to engineer a fall in the rate. The Confederation of British Industry is likewise committed to the Government's overall economic policy.

In private, however, govern-ment officials and industrialists admit that the present level of sterling is disastrously high. or sterring is disastrously men.
But publicly they stick by the
need to combat inflation
through tight control of the
money supply, and to grin and hear the strong pound which results.

of course, there are also bopes that the latest wave of money coming into London will subside, bringing the pound

down.

One factor in the pound's recent strength has been large overseas purchases of government gilts. Once interest rates start to come down some of this money is likely to take the capital gain and leave the country. Relatively high British interest rates are here to stay for some time however. Another reason for the pre-sent high value of the pound is the presence of North Sea This makes sterling par-



currency markets are dominated by fears of oil price rises and guess when and to what extent present fears will subside.

The public stance of the CBI is that since the high pound is eating into industry's com-petitiveness, firms must try all the harder to contain cost increases through holding down pay and boosting productivity.

There is precious little evidence to suggest that this is

happening. Yesterday's figures for average earnings show that pay rises in the present round are at least as large, on average, as those last year, and way above those in competitor Similarly the latest indica-

similarly the litest matter tions on productivity are that after an improvement in the second quarter of last year there was a further slow down in the rise in the third quarter. The Government claims some success on the pay front because of a wider than usual dispersion of pay rises around the average figure. Some firms facing particularly difficult facing particularly difficult trading circumstances may be getting away with lower wage awards. But any such benefits are a mere drop in the ocean of

lost competitiveness.

An overvalued or, more neutrally, a high exchange rare hits at industry in two main ways. First, as firms attempt

# of the pound

reduced profit margins. Rather than pass on fully the higher prices in foreign currency which result from a stronger

er than British instand.

Britain's largest toy manufacturer made a third of its work
been surprisingly force redundant.

The same extent there

The company blamed the high pound, along with high interest rates, for its present difficulties. It has found itself

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gradually priced out of much of its traditional export mar-ket, especially in the United States, as the pound has risen

this year.

Pigures compiled in Whitehall for export profitability tell the same story. A measure of the relative profitability of export and home markets shows a sharp fall in the ratio during 1979, and an even more dramatic decline when compared with late 1976.

Profits of companies outside the North Sea sector were sharply down in the first nine months of 1979 compared to 1978. Much of the fall is thought to have come in the

trading sector.
The CBI estimated that the real rate of return on capital fell to around 3 per cent last year, a record low. It projected an even worse figure—of around 2 per cent—for this year on the basis of a lower exchange rate than today's.

The second way that a strong exchange rate burts the economy is through its direct effect on the volume of goods which British manufacturers can sell at home and abroad. To the extent that firms do not squeeze their profits in reaction to a rising pound, they become less price competi-

Although some high technology products are not very price sensitive, the bulk of Britain's traded goods are. Moreover last year's drop in competitiveness was so enormous that it is bound to have an effect in almost all sectors. By the third quarter of last year British industry had lost about a fifth of the price competitiveness enjoyed in

Although sterling's decline in the final three months of last year led to some improvement there was still an overall competitive loss of about 10 per cent between the fourth quarter of 1978 and the same period last YOUR.

Sterling's rise so far this year will, if it lasts, make British industry another few per cent Last year's trade performance

was pretty dismal. But it did not fully reflect the erosion of com-petitivenese during 1979. Although import volumes res-pond fairly quickly to changes in relative prices—they rose by 12 per cent in 1979—the effect of exchange rate changes on exports usually takes longer to

feed through.
Export volumes rose by about 4 per cent in 1979. The Treasury was not expecting any rise in volumes this year when it pub-lished its last forecast in November. The pound was then assumed to remain steady in 1980: at a level several percent-

age points below yesterday's A clear illustration of the problems already facing British exporters is given by the CBI industrial trends survey. This includes a question on how many firms find price a constraine on their export sales. By April last year the proportion saying that they did had reached the record level established in 1971. It has since risen to new records in July and Octo-ber, and is now well above the

Caroline Atkinson

# Imports jolt Detroit's big three car makers

Washington The lack of foresignt by Detroit's car makers in failing to prepare for the era of the small car is now exacting a heavy toll. The American car industry is in a slump; tens of thousands of workers have lost their jobs, car plants have been closed and unsold cars now fill

dealers' showrooms High levels of inflation, interest rates and consumer debt account for some of the decline in sales, but not the main part. Demand for new cars is weaker than for other manufactured goods. At the same time, sales of domestically made cars are declining, while foreign-made cars are booming. All this underlines Detroit's management problems. For years the leaders of the American car industry refused to believe that Americans would

ever want to buy small cars in large quantities. They did not want to believe this when sales of bigger cars meant bigger profits. It took petrol shortages and

galloping petrol prices to con-vince Detroit and the 1979 sales ligures show the scale of the

### Slump

The figures show substantial gains for imports, while the sales of domestically produced cars fell. But, more than that, they disclose that as the year drew to a close sales of imorew to a close sales of imported cars rose even more strongly, while sales of American-made cars slumped still more substantially.

During December last year imported cars accounted for 24 per cent of all new United States car sales, while the 1979 operall asserted the control asserted the cars accounted to 24 per cent of all new United States car sales, while the 1979 operall asserted the cars accounted to 21 8 per central asserted the cars are as a control of the cars and cars are cars as a cars are cars a

overall average was 21.8 per cent. The 1978 average was only

tent. The 1978 average was only 17.8 per cent.

Tom! sales by General Motors last year fell by 8.7 per cent to 4.9 million units, while total Ford domestic sales slumped by 17 per cent to 2.2 million. Chrysler's sales dropped by about 150,000 units to 1.05 million.

oppears far from encouraging. A mild recession, which could depress new car sales further, looks like developing. Then none of the American manufacturers plans to introduce new models before the autumn and

This year, too, the picture

the foreign manufacturers will have an even bigger slice of the market.

Needless to say, the sharp shifts in demand trends have produced ever-increasing calls from some quarters for pro-tectionist measures. A week ago, for example, Mr Douglas Fraser, the president of the United Auto Workers Union, complained that 200,000 of his 1.5 million members had been laid-off and he put much of the blame on Japan's biggest

car makers. Mr Fraser said that his union would lobby for legislation which would require a large percentage of the content of cars sold in the United States to be made there. This would apply to all manufacturers who sold at least 200,000 cars a year in America.

The brunt of Mr Fraser's

arguments was that the big Japanese car makers had failed to keep their promises to restrain sales to the United States. He said that "the conduct of Toyota and Nissan has been absolutely outrageous...
The Japanese are not just exporting cars to the United States [total Japanese sales in America in the first eleven months of 1979 were more than 1.9 million units], they are ex-

porting unemployment".

So large is the American market, so evident is the grend to small cars and so significant' is the protectionist threat that it seems only a question of time before all the leading foreign before all the leading toreign car makers selling in the United States will open their own plants there. Volkswagen is doing well with its Penusylvania plant and assembled 165,000 cars there last year.

Last week Honda of Japan assembled the control of the care well will be controlled.

announced that it would build a plant in Ohio later this year assemble 10,000 cars a The increasing penetration of

the American market by foreign makers and the trend by these manufacturers towards in-creased American output are bound to increase the long-term competition for the big three Detroit companies—Chrysler, Ford and General Motors. Adding to the competitive pressure is Renault's participation now American Motors Corporation. Chrysler clearly has the big-

gest problems. It has just been given federal government loan guarantees which provide it with at most a breathing space. It will need large amounts of capital to survive the next few

Mr Lee Iacocca, the company's new chairman, who was formerly with Ford, is mounting a huge advertising campaign to revive confidence in Chrysler products. The first big test for Chrysler will be its new "K Models"—small, frontwheel drive cars, which will be launched in the autumn.

### New team

At Ford a new management. team is also in control now. Mr Philip Caldwell is the chief executive officer and the chal-lenge confronting him is to boost the company's small car development. Ford is also facing financial strains, having lost roughly \$1,000m (about 5500m) on domestic operations last year and quite probably facing even

and quite probably facing even bigger losses this year.

This company also plans to launch a small, front-wheel drive car in the autumn (tentatively called the "Escort"), which involves production and development costs of about

33,000m alone.

Because of its sheer size the General Motors Corporation is in somewhat better shape to ride out the storm. It also beat its domestic rivals in the race to issuech a front-wheel drive, compare we which it has called

to launch a front-wheel drive, compact car, which it has called the "X model" and which it introduced late last spring.

This company, however, like its rivals faces huge expense in boosting small car output and redesigning its full model range to ensure that it complies fully with sovernment pollution and with government pollution and fuel-efficiency standards.

Detroit's managers have blundered in the past, thus giving a big opportunity to their foreign rivals here. The industry's recovery is bound to be slow, tough and expensive. Much more dynamic and imaginative management is clearly needed and, given the large faces and the fierce competition, there should be no doubt that in the American car market battle of the eighties only the fittest will survive.

Frank Vogl

# Mystery of the missing brickies

The comings and goings of materials and men in the building industry have always been notoriously difficult to monitor, but now the industry is faced with a real mystery—where have all its craftsman

It is a mystery in two parts. The first is of the "now you see them, now you don't" variety. In the past, Department of Employment figures have auggested that there is a pool of jobless craftsmen in most

Yet contractors have found skilled menespecially bricklayers and carpenters/ininers increasingly difficult to find, even in areas where there is an alleged excess of jobless over

In the latest survey by the National Federation of Building Trades Employers, more than half the companies questioned said that they found it very difficult or virtually impossible to obtain enough bricklayers. More than a third said the same about carpenters, plumbers, plasterers and slaters.

The apparent discrepancy is explained in part by the diffi-culty of defining skills and in part by the inability of unemployed craftsmen to provide the required skills. The overall shortage is now

reflected in the official statistics. In November, 1977, the ratio of unemployed crafts men to notified vacancies was eight to one. Last September, the ratio was almost one to one. Mr Michael Godley, director of the NFBTE's London region, where the shortages are most acute, believes the shortfall of

craftsmen runs to several hun-"Local changes in the availability of work may mean that a brickie in central London may

John Huxley

earn £300 a week, while those on the outskirts may get only £150."

Mr Derek Phillips, the fed-eration's director of training, says than irrespective of what official statistics might say, con-tractors on site report there is a shortage of skilled men. What they want to know is what to do about it.

This is the second part of the law. Others undoubtedly do

finding the answer to two ques-tions. Where have the craftsmen gone and how can they be persuaded to return? Equally, once in the industry, how can

once in the industry, now tenthey be retained?

There is concern that skill shortage will prevent the industry from responding to an upturn in demand. "The industry's ability to cope could be jeopardized by its lack of front-line troops", was how one builder apprechad it. builder expressed it.

For the customer, there is the risk of higher prices, longer delays and reduced standards.
As may be expected in an industry accustomed to fairly substantial changes in the size and mix of workload, short-term shortages of both skills and materials are not uncommon. That there is a shortage of skills at a time when the industry is still at a low level of activity suggests more than a temporary mismatch of resources, which can be rectified by bumping up rates or adjusting training programmes

There is plenty of anecdotal, and some statistical evidence to suggest that large numbers of craftsmen were lost to the industry during its prolonged

Shortages have been aggravated further by the subsequent boom in the more skill-intensive repair and maintenance sector, which has grown as a share of total building output from a quarter to more than a third over the past six years.

There has also been evidence

of both job and geographical mobility, with craftsmen being lost—if only temporarily—to the Irish Republic and West Closer

to home, fiscal

of opinion which suggests that ; a radical change has occurred in the relationship between contractors, sub-contractors, lebour-only sub-contractors and self-employed workers.

It has been argued, for example, that measures aimed at ending tax abuses associated with the "lump" have helped to create a new class of selfemployed sub-contractors work-

The growth of the reand maintenance market has coincided with a big extension of the industry's twilight zone, the underground or black economy of unrecorded cash in hand payments.

There is no shortage of stories of former bricklayers who left the industry to work, say, as milkmen, or as shift using their free time to do building jobs. Even among craftsmen supposedly full-time in the industry, there has been a tendency as one union official put it to work "three days a week on the cards and then do two days down the road for

Contractors argue that this . . . growth of the black economy is being actively encouraged by value added tax which is imposed at a rate of 15 per cent on repair and maintenance building work. In practice, they say, householders are being wooed by odd-job builders who are able to undercut the legiti-mate contractor by not paying VAT, yet do sufficient work to be liable for payment.

So far, attempts to assess the relative importance of these various forms of skill wastage in the demand-supply equation bave proved impossible. Contractors are beginning to

Contractors are beginning to say that a shortage of craftsmen—at almost any price—is a fact of life and will be so until the industry has a sufficiently stable workload to be able to offer prospective and existing workers job security and continuity. Unfortunately, a stable work-

load provides not so much an answer as a whole new set of questions.

# Business Diary: Child's play • A Butlin in Pontin's camp

workers and Meccano becoming his fellow holiday camp commeat for transcendental medi- mandant Sir Fred Pontin in the tators this year's British Toy moves to pull Belhaven brewery and Hobby Fair opens on a out of its difficulties. As exsomewhat subdued note at pected, Eric Morley has been

remarkably cheerful for a toymaker. Although the total market has been static in real terms for five years or more, the managing director of Lego UK says that sales were up by a quarter last year and he is introducing 46 new lines at Earls Court

On Sunday week the chairmen of this Danish firm, and the man who dreamed up the Lego idea of interlocking plastic "thingies", Godifried Christiansen, will be in London when his company receives the retailers Toy of the Year award for the Space Lego range.

Lego used to be made in Wrexham under licence by Courtaulds but since 1977 it has been made in Denmark. Brown told me that the com-

pany sold three times as many toys to boys than to girls of seven and up.

"Girls mature younger than boys", he said. "From that age their interests are more in cosmetics, clothes and records, which we don't make, rather than in construction kits, which

Earls Court on Saturday week. made joint chairman with David Brown, however, is Ronnie Aitken, as well as chief executive. The fourth associate will be financier Trevor Baines.

The extraordinary general meeting of Belhaven shareholders in Edinburgh yesterday supplying beer under the new heard that Morley and his asso-regime will be with Rangers

After the brief meeting Mor-ley said that they intended to make the company a spring-board for leisure enterprises through which to sell Belhaven beer. The Coral Island Hotel, Bermuda, which has bung like an albatross around shareholders' necks, is to be sold offa deal which could put the com-



David Brown and Lego friend; selling toys that ring the right

managing partner of a family-owned engineering company in

pany back in profit.

The first two contracts for

ciates would subscribe for Social Club, and in Sweden. demanded in the press and at-the shareholders meeting for the successor to outgoing AEG chief Walter Cipa, an oil time abroad in Brazil and India. Durr is well known in Ger-

Photograph by Charles Milligs

What with Lesney firing 2,000 Sir William Butlin has joined workers and Meccano becoming his fellow holiday camp comhis fellow hol a bold choice for the top spot at the beleagured electrical Durr is the 46-year-old

Stuttgart. The 1979 turn-over of

the Durr Group, whose interests

are in cooting plants, environ-mental protection and con-veyers, was DM 365m (about £104in)—a far cry from AEG's annual turnover of more than DM 14,000m But Friderichs Dresduerbank chief executive, stresses Durr's engineering training and his entrepreneurial spirit—qualities

eologist. Marambo, who is 30, was ap-The Durr Group, too, despite pointed in May last year and is its size, has 18 assembly plants an economics graduate of the in 11 countries, including Great University of Rhodesia. He rep-Britain and Durr himself spent resents a new wave of educated

many, if not outside, as the main employer representative in the pace-setting annual round of wage talks in Baden-Württenburg's metal-working industry. He has gained the reputation in an annual bout with Franz Steinkühle, his opposite number in IG Metall, for a firm but fair attitude towards



♠ Though the Chamber of Commerce of Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, is predominantly a white organization, the secretary is a black, Eric Marambo

occupy key posts in commerce and industry. The whites in Rhodesia have their Associated Chambers of Commerce of Rhodesia and the blacks the Rhodesian African Chamber. Moves to amalgamate got under way before the pre-sent shift to majority rule and both camps coexist somewhat uneasily within a Confederation

blacks who are beginning to

### ■ The fish van of A. K. Woodhouse and Co was a common sight outside the Palace of Westminster's kitchens, delivering at least six times a day when the Commous was sitting. But fishing restrictions and had weather have caused prices to soar and the demand for

fish to fall. Woodhouse, an

old-established family company,

is going into liquidation with

Assets are put at £44,750, including just over £40,000 dua from customers—one of whom

debts of £100,436.

is the House of Commons. The directors had hoped to sell the business as a going concera, but when prospective purchasers learnt that the rent of the firm's Beak Street premises was likely to rise from £9,000 to £21,000 a year they wriggled off the book.

In my first Christmas story of 1980 I reported on Tuesday that a Christmas card trade show is to be held in a fort-night's time. This brought Lucille Hall of the Royal National Institute for the Blind to say that their Sunshine Fund Christman and has been Christmas cards had been on show since the weekend at the Statindex stationery fair in London which ended gesterday.

Ross Davies

# **JOHN GARR** (DONCASTER) LIMITED

Joinery Manufacturers

Extracts from the accounts for the year ended 30th September, 1979

	197 <del>9</del> 2000s	1978 £000s
Sales to customers (excluding VAT)  Earnings before Taxation  Taxation  Profit after Taxation	19,900 3,189 1,544 1,645	18,315 2,668 <b>69</b> 1 1,977
Earnings	p per share 7.46 1.86	p per share 8.96 1.047

\*\* Tenth successive year of increased profits

Cash funds exceed £3,000,000

\*\* New ventures profitable

★★ Dividend increased by 77%

\*\* Satisfactory start to new year.

### **Dealing** profits fall at Stock Conversion

Investment Trust has fallen in the first six months as a result of the downturn in dealing

Against £1.9m last time, dealing profits in the six months to September 30, amounted to only £63,000, leaving net pretax revenue £750,000 lower at

Although there will be no dealing profits in the second half, the directors are confident that the year-end revenue will reach last time's level of £8.6m.

The interim dividend has been raised by more than 50 per cent to 3.125p gross, but this is to reduce disparity between it and the final payout and is not an indication of the and is not an indication of the total dividend level, says the

Company.

The net asset value of the shares, on the previous valua-tion, amounts to 230p, against a share price 6p higher yester-day at 376p. It is thought that a current value of the group's properties would throw up a net asset value of around 450p

# Magnet & Southerns on course for £25m

Timber and nome improvement business has southerns pushed up pretax profits at the half way stage by 39 per cent to £12.8m. Mr Sam Oxford, the company's chairman, is confident that progress will be maintained in the second half to March 31.

Timber and nome improvement business has a long way to go. He says: "I am convinced that people will spend more on their homes than on their cars." A slow-down in consumer spending will only cause the trend to faiter, only cause the trend to falter, Turnover rose from £60m in

Turnover rose from £60m in the first six months of 1978 to £69.5m in the same period of last year. Mr Oxford says that trading was good in the third quarter and does not "quarrel" with estimates of £25m pre-tax profits for the whole year.

An interim dividend of 4.29p gross has been declared up 70 gross has been declared, up 70 per cent on the last interim after allowing for the scrip issue. But it is pointed out that the increase follows the abolition of dividend restraint, and the final is not likely to recently increase by the same propor- factory.

tion.

About half of the group's turnover comes from the do-it-yourself business, and Mr Oxford says that this proportion is increasing. The group expects to add another six depots to the 200 it has around the says that the says the says that the says th the country by the end of the current financial year, and could have 20 more

am convinced that people will than on their cars." A slow-down in consumer spending will

Housebuilding, the other main area of activity, is more or less static at around quarter of the company's bus ness. The construction side is not expected to expand, and Magnet has a policy of diversifying away from what it considers to be a politically sensitive business.

At the moment the company's cash balances are about £14m, but that will be reduced by tax payments to nearer £9m by the close of the financial year. Most of these funds are in giks, and Magnet has no new major investment plans. The shares rose 16p on the day to 161p to yield an historic 5.2 per cent. Stock markets

# Rise across board as institutions join rally

impetus to further strong per-formances by gilts and gold

shares. After a cautious start dealers After a cautious start dealers reported a sharp increase in turnover as the institutions, loaded with cash, took the plunge and sent the index soaring through the 450 barrier. But with jobbers still reluctant to soak up stock, the rises were

Y. J. Lovell (Holdings) the builder and developer, are firm at 98p ahead of figures for the year to last September. In the first six months profits rose from £717,000 to £815,000 and and double glazing is regarded as very promising. Magnet has recently opened a new don't in the full year Lovell managed to raise profits from £1.24—

> apt to bear an exaggerated appearance. Nevertheless, the determination of investors not to be left behind served to strengthen the rally as the day wore on. The FT Index went on to finish at its high point of the day 13.8 up at 455.5. Gold shares also came in for further hectic trading as the bullion price smashed through the \$700 mark to reach \$780

before profit taking left it with an overall rise of \$67.5 on the day at \$755.

Gilts picked up after a nervous start with the market enjoying some strong turnover. The closed at their high point with longs showing rises of about £1, while at the shorter end gains rough the 450 barrier. The closed at their high point with longs showing rises of about £1, while at the shorter end gains of £2 on overnight levels were witnessed.

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The improvement in equities was also helped by a good set of figures from the various companies reporting. Among these Tate & Lyle surged 10p to 170p on profits well above market expectations, Letraset International improved 7p to 142p after a 21 per cent hoist in pre-tax profits at the interim stage and full year figures from Trusthouse Forte, the first of the big leisure group's reporting the big leisure group's reporting the big leisure group's reporting this week, were also well received pushing the shares 16p to 159p. Grand Metropolitan, reporting today advanced 5p to 146p. Reo Stakis were wanted after its near 30 per cent increase rising 8p to 59p but reduced profits and an unchanged dividend clipped Allied Colloids 12p to 126p. Thomas French lifted 10p to 98p following a satisfactory report.

cent of Hovermarine Transport sent the scares sliding 17p to 190p while the strong demand for holidays continued to help Horizon Travel by 15p to 223p. In builders the improvement in interim profits at Magnet & Southerns provided for a 16p rise at 161p and further loan facilities helped Montague Meyer 3p at 77p but further consideration of SGB's recent figures clipped 1p at 233p.

Comment was good for an 8p

Comment was good for an 8p rise in Elson Robbins at 89p and Brooke Street Bureau 6p better at 64p and the chair-

Leading industrials showed

some strong gains with most finishing at the best levels of the day. Glaxo rose 13p to 473p. Fisons 10p to 299p and ICI 8p to 377p.

Electricals and engineering showed little sign of the steel strike. Structure of the steel strike. strike. Staveley advanced 10p to 188p and GKN 6p to 265p. earlier pose, rising 8p to 205p, after reports that it is ready to bid for Decca 15p lower at 325p. Some lines of thought, however,

Equity turnover on January
15, was £113.873m (17,281 bargains). Active stocks yesterday
according to the Exchange Teledated Gold Fields, Premier
Cons, Shell, Lonrho, Racal,
First National Finance Corp,
Imperial Continental Gas, Burgandh RP Tricentrol, Dalger, Imperial Continental Gas, Bur-math, BP, Tricentrol, Dalgety, Allied Colloids, Trusthouse Forte, Selection Tst. Boots, Charter Cons, BAT and

142p after a 21 per cent hoist			Late	st results			
in pre-tax profits at the interim					D1	D	V 1
stage and full year figures from	Company	Sales	Prolite	Earnings	Div	Pay	Year's
Trusthouse Forte, the first of	Int of Fig	£m	Em	per share	DEDCE:	date	total
the hig leigune group's reporting	Albion (F)	<del>_</del> ( <del>_</del> )	0.72(0.50)	<b>−(−)</b>	1.75(1.6)	2/4	2.75(1.49)
the big leisure group's reporting	Allied Colloids (1)	16.7(13.5)	1.5(2.6)	<del>_(_)</del>	0.64(0.64)	28/3	-(2.5)
this week, were also well	Countryside Props (F)		1.3(0.60)	20.7(9.3)	2.1(2.3)	20 /2	3.5(2.6)
received pushing the shares 16p	Letraset (I)	35.5(23.2)	6.26(5.17)	9.29(7.9)	1.09(0.98)	29/2	<b>-</b> ()
to 159p. Grand Metropolitan,	Magnet & Sthn (1)	69.5(60.0)	12.8(9.23)	<del>()</del> ,	3.0(1.73)	31/3	· <del>()</del>
reporting today advanced 5p to	Kio Stakis (F)	58.6(52.7)	3.56(2.78)	7.0(5.0)	1.3(0.8)	10/4	1.75(1.0)
146p. Reo Stakis were wanted	Samuel Heath (I)	1.3(1.4)	0.18(0.35)	— <u>(</u> —)	()	10/2	—( <b>−</b> )
after its near 30 per cent in-	Stock Con (I)	` <del></del> ()	4.2(4.9)	—( <del></del> )	2.2(1.34)	10/3	<u> </u>
crease rising 8p to 59p but	1. French & Sons (F)	15.4(13.2)	1.6(1.2)	23.2(14.9)	4.5(2.8)	B //	<del>()</del>
reduced profits and an un-	Trusthouse (F)	721.0(614.0)	68.2(55.9)	20.0(15.7)	6.0(3.89)	8/4	8.0(5.3)
reduced profits and an un-	x=== == -3x= (- )	1,190.0(1,147.0)		24.9(16.3)	4.0(1.05)	13/3	10.5(10.5)
changed dividend clipped Allied	US & Gen Test (F)		1.3(1.0)	10.8(7.4)	5.16( <del></del> )	7.3	10.29a()
Colloids 12p to 126p. Thomas	West Board Mills (I)	1.8(1.5)	0.65(0.54)	<del>-</del> ()	1.7(1.4)	/-3 Wa	_( <u>_)</u>
French lifted 10p to 98p follow-	Dividends in this tab	le are shown ne	t of tax on	pence per share.	Elsewhere in Busi	ness Ne	ws dividen
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# **Broking merger**

By Alison Mitchell The top two partners of the new stockbroking group being proposed by Kemp-Gee and J and A Scrimgeour will both come from Kemp-Gee. If the merger goes ahead Mr Richard Fulford senior partner at Kemp-Gee will become the top man of the enlarged partnership while his current deputy Mr Ian Dipple will become the new number two.

Although both firms Although both firms are roughly the same size—each currently has 22 partners and a staff of around 160—Kemp-Gee, which made the initial

dominant negotiator.

Because it is a parmership
Kemp-Gee doss not disclose its annual figures but Mr Fulford admitted that last year the firm pald a 60 per cent bonus to its staff. Although this com-pares with 80 per cent the year

approach, appears to be the

before Mr Fulford stressed that this reduction was partly due to the increased salary base of the firm.

In the year to September 30, 1979, Scrimgeour made a pre-tax profit of £400,000, against £800,000 for the previous 12

Kemp-Gee explains the logic of the merger as the fitting together of two complimentary brokers. Scrimgeour specializes in institutional gilts, corporate finance and management funds while Kemp-Gee's strength lies in its institutional equity and private client business.

Last November Scrimgeour announced merger proposals with another large City stock-broking parmership Grieveson, Grant. However the talks were called off two weeks later as a result of strong reaction by key employees of both firms against the get together.

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Sales (\$ in millions)

3915

Dividends paid per share:

1979 \$2.10

Total backlog:

31 December 1978

31 December 1979

75008 Paris, France.

1975 1976 1977 1978 1979

1978 \$1.30 (adjusted for 3 for 2 split)

### Guinness growth rate slows

Higher interest rates and increasing costs will prevent brewing group Arthur Guinness from continuing to expand at the level of last year. Chairman Lord Iveagh tells shareholders in the annual report that although profits will increase in the current period it is unlikely to be at last time's 18 per cent level.

18 per cent level.

However, in order to strength the group, Guinness will be expanding into nonbrewing activities—and particularly into the materials handling field. In this area the limits to expansion will be governed by the rate at which ideas can be generated and the need to ensure the best possible services to customera, rather than by the constraints of total market size, Lord Iveagh adds.

Guinness is also hoping to expand its leisure division and has bought the Li-Lo brand name

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# Reo Stakis up 37 pc

By Peter Wainwright Scottish hotels-to-gaming group, Reo Stakis Organization finished the year to September finished the year to September 30 last in style after hoisting pre-tax profits by 37 per cent in the first six months.

In the full year, turnover rose by 11 per cent to £58,63m, while pre-tax profits went while pre-tax profits went shead 28 per cent to £3.56m.

In both turnover and profit terms hotel and inns have firmly put casinos into second place.

Pub licensing hours were lengthened in Scotland, switching trade from off licences into pubs and hotels.

So earnings a share rose from 5.08p to 7.05p, enabling the directors under Mr Reo Stakis to raise the total ordinary dividend by 75 per cent to 1.75p net, or 2.50p gross. There is also to be a one-fortwo scrip issue.

Net Earnings (\$ in millions)

180

1975 1976 1977 1978 1978

Commercial

Customers

86%

90%

103

323

9 Months

361

U.S.

Government

14%

10%

spirits and off licences where profits fell from £662,000 to £548,000. Pub licensing hours were

two scrip issue.
This was enough to lift the

Hotels and inn's business went up from £21.87m to £25.17m, pulling up trading profits from £1.56m to £2.2m. The casinos, nine of thtem in the year under review, with a tenth in Hull just added, were good for an increase in turnover from £4.69m to £6.06m and trading profits rose from £832,000 to £1.36m.

The only laggards were the two scrip issue.

This same enough to lift the shares \$9 to 59p, but even on the new dividend the yield is still less than 44 per cent. However, its cost, £619,000, is small attributable profits of £2.49m.

The price-exruings ratio of 8.4 is about par for the sector.

Business this year will depend a lot on consumer spending generally, and the price of fuel in particular.

# Oil prices slow Allied Colloids

oil and the strength of sterling has almost halved interim profits at Allied Colloids.

This Bradford-based manu-facturer of specialized chemitacturer of specialized chemicals exports around three quarters of its products, mainly to Europe, America and Canada, and the exchange differences, compared to the same period last time, cost the group about £750,000.

As such, pre-tax profits in the six months to September 29 fell from £2.6m to £1.5m on sales up from £13.5m to £16.7m. However, recent price increases by Allied ought to help second-half figures, providing they are not outstripped by further rises in raw material costs.

For shareholders there is a same-again interim dividend of 0.92p and the directors have given no indication as to the level of the final payout. The shares yesterday fell 12p to

### Western Board Milks still pushing ahead

advancing having broken through the £1m mark in

1978-79.

Before tax, they rose from £548,000 to £655,000 in the half-year to September 30, on turnover up from £1.59m to £1.3m. The interim payment is being boosted from 2.08p to 2.42p gross. Mr H. M. Vogel, the chairman thinks it a reasonable assumption, that W.B.M. is heading for profits exceeding last

last September, pre-tax profits reached a record £1.3m, against £605,000. Earnings feo. 100. Earnings per share jumped to 20.7p (9.3p); turnover contracted from £12.87m to £12m. The total gross dividend is being raised to 5p—an increase of 25 per cent on last

Recommending a scrip issue and consolidation, which will raise the nominal value of each 5p share to 25p, the board is optimistic about the current

# Western Board Mills is still

ing for profits exceeding last year's record £1.19m pre-tax— unless dislocation of the steel strike is widespread and continues for a substantial period.

Mr Cyril Spencer (above), chairman of the Burton Group. He told yesterday's annual meeting in Leeds that the group's retail sales in the current year are 20 per cent above last year's level.

### S Heath looks for better second half

Pre-tax profits of Birming-ham-based Samuel Heath and Soos fell from £355,000 to tops 11m mark

September 30, on turnover down

More than doubled profits are reported by Countryside

180,000 in the half-year to boosted from 4.17p to 6.42p.

September 30, on turnover down french makes curtain styling products, etc., and specialized in line with the board's forecast electrical heating equipment.

Properties for the third year last year of significantly lower results. But the second-half profits should show some improvement and be closer to those of the same period last year. Heath makes products in

### brass and other metals. Shareholders approve

Belhaven deal

At Belhaven Brewery's extraordinary meeting held yester-day shareholders approved the conditional agreements made last December between Balhaven and the vendors of Ash point Ltd. They also approved the subscription for shares in Beihaven by Mr Eric Morley and his associates, the increase in the share capital and the appointment of Sir Fred Pontin to the board.

### Walker extends Highland bid

The offer by Hiram Walker-Gooderham & Worts for Highland Distilleries has so far attracted acceptances on 76,700 shares. This raises the stake of Hiram Walker to just 5.1 per cent—including the 3m shares held by a subsidiary before the offer was made. The offer has

### Best-ever £1.62m at Thomas French

On sales up 16 per cent to

£15.4m for the year to September 29, pre-tax profits of
Thomas French and Sons ross
by a third to £1.62m—a record.

Earnings per share jumped by
56 per cent to 23.2p and the
total dividend, gross, is being

# Higher interest boosting US banks

United States banks continue before securities transactions HB Holdings has commenced its report better earnings figures 74.4 per cent ahead at \$42.8m. render offer for any and all outith most of them attributing Net interest income of \$345m standing shares of capital stock to report better earnings figures with most of them attributing the improvement to higher

Chase Manhattan, the third largest United States bank, reported an increase in income before securities transactions from \$197.2m to \$311.2m, equivalent to a 62 per cent jump in earnings per share to \$9.07. Fourth quarter income rose 31 per cent to \$76.7m on the same period last year. But it was 6 per cent down on the third quarter of 1979 because of lower overseas net interest income as a result of narrower interest rate spreads and a higher level of operating expenses only partially offset by an increase in other operating facement.

Provisions for loan losses also dropped in the fourth quarter from \$42.8m to \$36m, leaving the balance for possible loan losses at \$420.8m equivalent to 1.04 per cent of the loan port-

Also in New York, Marine Midland, whose takeover by Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank is still being held up by the United States banking authorities, reported an even sharper improvement with net income

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Board has negotiated a £15m medium-term multi-currency loan with a syndicate of international banks managed by Hambros Bank. Loan is for seven years and carries option to convert into dollars or certain leading European currencies.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER
City of Westminster Assurance
continues to expand its business,

### Briefly

with single premiums by 80 per cent and regular premiums by 16 per cent. New single premium in-come was £5.5m and regular pre-mium was £1.9m. City of Westminster Assurance is a sub-sidiery of the Secret I. idlary of the Sentry Insurance

Pre-tax profits of Boulton and Paul (subsidiary of BET) rose from £3.3m to £3.7m in the buil-year to September 30. Turnover: £40.39m (£37.44m).

An increase of 127 per cent in new life business written during 1979 is reported by the Reliance Mutual. New ordinary branch life some assured reached £166m

was 11.4 per cent ahead and the highest in the bank's history.

Much the same picture has emerged from the big Califor-nian banks although Wells Fargo's 11 per cent rise in net income to \$130.2m was not quite as spectacular as the New York money-centre banks who had more ground to make after

earlier property losses.

The bank attributes the up-

### International

turn to a good performance from retail banking, helped by the expansion of its branch net-

those of the year before but tigliter conditions in the international loan market coupled with Wells Fargo's decision to forego lending to less credit-worthy customers has resulted in a decline in overseas lending.

Hudson Bay offer Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Company of Canada says its wholly-owned subsidiary

(£75m). New single premium income during the year amounted to £430,000 and new amual premium income to £1.3m. TRICENTROL

Recommended cash offers by Tri-centrol for Cableform Group have received acceptances from holders of over 80 per cent of ordinary capital and over 75 per cent of preference. Offers unconditional and remain open. REDFRARN GROUP

RESIDENAM GROUP

Results for the full year 1979-80

are likely to be comparable with 1978-79, the chairman of Redfearn National Glass, Mr John Pratt, reports in his annual statement. Looking further ahead and with more helpful circumstances, the board looks to a resumption of profit growth.

Serck's dividend should be "at least maintainable in 1980", the chairman, Mr R. G. Martin, reports in his annual statement.

ports in his annual statement.

HEXWOOD WILLIAMS

Heywood Williams Group has
recently generated £1.6m cash from
the disposal of development proporties and the sale of the quarry
and asphalt manufacturing businesses of its subsidiary, Pitchmastic Ltd. Pitchmastic's remaining activities in contracting, decking, cladding and the sale of
specialized products continues
within Heywood Williams. The
book value of the property sold
was £800,000

standing shares of capital stock of Rosario Resources Corporation at \$65 a share not to the seller in cash. This is under and seller in cash. This is under and subject to the conditions of its offer to purchase and related materials which are being mailed to stockholders of Rosario Resources.

The offer was due to expire on Wednesday unless extended Dealer-manager for the offer is First Rosson Corporation.

First Boston Corporation.
As already announced the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York has entered an order approving a stipulation under which the New York Attorney General agreed that the purchaser will have complied with New York law upon the filing of a registration statement with the attorney General

of a registration statement with the attorney General.

HB Holdings has filed a registration statement with the Attorney General. After the entering of the Federal Court order Rosario Resources purported to commence an action in a New York State Court against HB Holdings and the New York State Attorney General to enjoin HB Holdings from making or continuing the offer without complying with the terms of New York law.

**Business appointments** 

### Acting managing director for GEC-Fairchild

Mr Murray McLachan has been appointed acting managing director of GEC-Fairchild after the resignation of Mr David Marriott. Mr McLachlan is a vice-president of Fairchild.

Lord Caldecote has jointd the board of Estates Duties Investment Trust.

Mr M. G. R. Sandverg has been appointed chairman of The British Bank of the Middle East in place of Mr P. E. Hutson after the transfer of the bank's head office from London to Hongkong. Mr Hutson has been made chairman of the bank's new London Advisory Committee, other members of which are: Lord Denman, Sir Geoffrey Arthur, Mr G. A. Calver. Mr H. N. L. Deswick, Mr W. D. Peyton, Mr G. M. Sayer, Mr J. A. Swire, Viscount Weir, and Sir Philip de Zulneta. Mr J. L. Bover, Mr A. D. A. G. Mosley, Mr P. B. Hammond, Mr W. Purves and Mr J. A. P. Hill have joined the bound.

Dr Peter W. Russell Eggitt. director of research and technology for Spillers, has been elereted chairman of the scientific advisory committee of the Food Manufacturers Federation.

(Announced orders for which definite contracts have not been executed

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# FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

### Mine results follow trend in gold prices

By Michael Prest Results for the December quarter from General Mining and Union Corporation confirm the trend towards higher gold prices received and bigger profits.

profits.
. Among the General Mining group mines, Buffelsfontein and Sulfontein saw their after-tax profits rise by 60 per cent and 75 per cent respectively. The Union Corporation mines profits generally went up less, except Grootylei which rose 69 per cent.

per cent. West Rand Consolidated, in West Rand Consolidated, in the Gen Min group, turned a loss of R486,000 (£261,000) into an R2.86m profit. Unisel, a new mine in the Unicorp group, made a profit of R6.88m in its first three months of operation. Ore grade for mines in both groups were much the same as in the previous quarter. The biggest change was at Bracken, one of the Unicorp mines, where a decline in yields from 5.4 grammes per ton to 4.6 contributed to a 10 per cent fall in profits to R2.21m.

The average tax rate in all

The average tax rate in all the mines was about 60 per cent. But at St Heleva the tax charge remained the same as in the previous quarter, leading to record profits of R13.6m.

At Gen Min, the average gold price received for the three mines was \$414.6, up 36.4 per cent over the previous three months. Unicorp's average went up by 31.5 per cent to \$414.5, including Unisel reporting for the first time.

### **Building Societies**

### Nationwide

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In 1979, the Nationwide Building Society's assets expanded by 19 per cent to £3,935m, the chief general manager, Mr Leonard Williams, reported yesterday. In a year which was difficult for societies, Nationwide's gross receipts of £1,834m, its net receipts (after withdrawals) of £603m and its mortgage advances of £866m, were all records.

### **Options**

Business among traded options continued to sour yesterday and total contracts rose from 1,089 to 1,198, Consolida-ted Gold Fields again dominated ted Gold Fields again dominated demand accounting for 610 contracts helped still further by the gold price. The rise in the price to 466p has prompted the introduction of a new series of April and July 500p commencing on Friday and today sees the start of a new series of Commercial Union July 160p series.

### AVERAGE EARNINGS

The following are the index numbers for average earnings of amployees in all industries and services covered by the monthly samings inquiry released by the Department of Employment: (1) Old series of (2) New series of Charge

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	387.B	155.6	23.2
July		153.3	13.0
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# Bank Base

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# Wall Street

New York, Jan 18—The semarket suffered a bout of principal and the day and priended narrowly lower in vibeavy turnover.

Analysis said stocks were a for a correction after restrength and that late weakn in the dollar, silver and a stocks provided an excuse some selling.

The Dow Jones industrial arage lost 3.41 but advances eddeclines as volume rose of 67,700,000 shares from 53,32 million yesterday, the second heavy turnover ever.

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Gold peaks at \$745.00

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### Commodities

### Discount market

The release of something like £1,000m of special deposits brought a very considerable improvement in the money marker yesterday, but even so

The rate for secured loans remnined at 17 per cent for most of the day but moved erratically after the help was given and finally was down to 10 per cent. Oute a lot of money was reported to have been taken in the 10-12 per cent range in the afternions.

Of the identified factors, those in favour of the market were a small fall in the note circulation and a modest excess of disbursements, over revenue receipts.

### Money Market Rates



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market yesterday, but even so that authorities gave a moderate amount of help to enable books to be belenced. This took the form of small purchases of Treasury bills, some of which were for resale at a later date, and a small amount of corporation bills, all of which were for resale later. In addition, the Bank of England lent a small amount to four or five houses overnight at MLR. The total of the help was described as moderate.

### Foreign exchange report

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After 2.2835/40 in early dealings, the pound shipped back to hover around 2.2770/90 for much of the session yesterday before finally dipping to 2.2680, a not lost of about a cent on last night's the finish.

Europeans gaining ground over the dollar included the Dmk, 1.7215 (overnight 1.7280), Swiss franc, 1.5840 (1.5330) and French franc, 4.0300 (4.0475). The yen took a firmer line, rising to 237.35 before ending off the top at 237.35.

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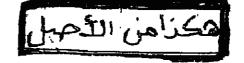
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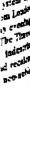








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# PERSONAL CHOICE

The Impossible Bird: Wildlife on One (BBC 1, 8.05)

The unseen, but all-pervasive background against which Public School (BBC 2, 8.30) is set, is composed of incontrovertible facts such as this one: although Britain's public schools educate only five per cent of the total of the nation's schoolboys, this small percentage will eventually dominate practically every important institution in the country. In the foreground of this new series are the boys and staff of Radley College, in Oxfordshire—real boys, real staff. The programmes should do for the public school system what Sailor (made by the same BBC TV unit) did for the Royal Navy. They were filmed in the Easter and summer terms last year, and in tonight's programme, we see Radley through the eyes of two new boys. Our future leaders, perhaps?

Tonight's TV Eye (ITV, 8.30) is about child battering and about an experiment in Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, which is succeeding in reducing the incidence of this appalling kind of domestic violence. It concentrates on one mother who has twice attacked her daughter. As a result, the girl and her other four children were taken into care. Now, they are together again, thanks chiefly to constant surveillance by an NSPCC family centre working closely with the police and social service workers. Vanya Kewley's interview with the mother makes beart-rending viewing. She cannot guarantee that she will not be tempted to attack her daughter again. The difference now is that the warning signs will be monitored and the mother herself knows where to find the help that will stay her hand.

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Tom Vernon's cycle of traveller's tales, Fat Man on a Bicycle, ends this morning (Radio 4, 10.05) with Mr Vernon completing his French odvssey a wiser but not slimmer man... In Woman's Hour (Radio 4, 2.02), the gossip columnist Nigel Dempster gives his choice of castaway companions. I wonder, though, how many of them would choose to share their solitude with Mr Dempster? ... This is a good night for great orchestras—the Chicago Symphony (under Klaus Tennstedt), playing the Beethoven No 5 and the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto (with Szeryng) at 7.30 on Radio 4, and the New York Philharmonic (under Victor de Sabata), playing the Sibelius No 1, on Radio 3 at 10.30.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN: STEREO; \*BLACK AND WHITE;

# **Broadcasting Guide**

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TELEVISION

BBC 1

9.00 am For Schools, Colleges, 9.00 Twentleth Century History (Why Appeasement?); 9.25 Physical Science; 9.47 Mathishow; 10.10 Merry-go-Round; 10.35 Sceoe; Salvation Army; 11.05 It's Maths; 11.30 Let's Look ar Wales; 11.55 On the Rocks, Closedown at 12.20

pm.
12,45 News and weather.
1.00 Pebble Mill at One: Includes
Tony Bilbow's movie spot.
1.45 Heads and Talks: pupper show.

Bright Eyes (r).
2.00 You and Me: For very young children. 2.15 For Schools, Colleges. 1.25 Music Time; 2.40 Television club; A School in Time: Schoolditz (r).

3.55 Play School: Michael Shoe-smith's tale Pineapple Story. 4.20
Depaty Dawg: cartoon. Scare Cure

(r).
4.25 Jackanory: Michael Trough-ton reads from Joan Tate's thriller See How They Run.
4.40 Screen Test: First semi-final of this schools movie quiz. Also the best live-action director of the Young Film Makers' Competition

receives his trophy.
5.00 John Craven's Newsround:
For young viewers with lively minds. 5.10 Blue Peter: A hairdressing salon for dolls.
5.40 News: with Peter Woods. 5.55
Nationwide.

BBC 2

11.00 am Play School: Same as BBC 1, 3.55. Closedown at 11.25. 4.50 pm Open University; \$101 Preparatory Maths (graphs); 5.05 The First Years of Life—All Yours.

Yours.

5.35 Flash Gordon Conquers the Universe: Penultimate opisode of this ancient cinema serial, with Buster Crabbe as the hero. Episode 11: Stark Treachery.

5.55 Film: Oh, Mr Porter: (1938;\* A comedy gem—the story of an Irish railway (inspired by The Ghost Train) and the barmy trio (Will Hay, Graham Moffatt, Moore Marriott) who run the ancient train

Marriott) who run the ancient train (see Personal Choice).
7.15 News: with sub-titles for the hard of hearing.

THAMES

9.30 am For Schools: Making a living (television); 9.52 Believe it or not (hinduism); 10.09 Look Around (air); 10.25 The French Programme; 10.46 Bertrand Russell; 11.05 Writers Workshop; 11.27 Seeing and Doing; 11.44 Picture Box (a ghost story).
12.00 Topper's Tales: Julian Orchard reads The ghost Hunt. 12.10 pm Stepping Stones: A train trip to Cornwall.
12.30 The Sullivans: Serial set in the last war.

the last war. 1.00 News: with Peter Sissons. 1.20 Thames News: with Robin Houston.
1.30 Crown Court: Second day of
the hearing of the case in which
two men are accused of murdering

a detective (r).

2.00 After Noon Pins: A plain man's guide to form-filling; an interview with actor Warren Mitchell the origin of pub signs.

8.05 Wildlife on One: The Impossible Bird. Lew Hursthal lived with ostriches for eight years and this film is the result of what he learnt in Aluska; an extra-sensitive anti-burglar car alarm; a journey into a knee-cap and a most unusual mousetrap.
7,20 Top of the Pops: The pop about them. Is it true, for exam-ple, that they bury their head in the sand? 8.30 Watch this Space: Comedy series about life in an advertising agency, with Liza Goddard and Peter Blake as husband and wife. Tonight: how to sell a chocolate



Nationwide.
6.55 Tomorrow's World: The lineup includes items on the dan.
gerously receding Columbia glacier of Leaving (BBC 1, 9.25)

cooice).

9.00 M\*A\*S\*H: Korea war comedy dramas. The regulars play a trick of a newly-arrived surgeon who has had enough of the war and wants to get back to America.

2.45 General Hospital: Medical world serial. The reappearance of Sister Holland's son (r).
3.45 Looks Familiar: Nostalgic show business quiz. With Denis Norden as MC. His guests are Irene Handl, Harry Worth and Eddie Bracken.

9.25 Man Alive; Short, Sharp, Shock: The Home Secretary's proposal for dealing with reen-aged criminals by subjecting them to very strict discipline and intense physical affort, is investigated and discussed with experts representing the arguments for and against the idea. 7.25 Newsweek : The White House Marathon. David Jessel talks to some of the candidates who have an eye on the presidency of the United States. There are expected to be many early casualties when polling ends in lowa next week.

8.00 It's Patently Obvious: Julian Pettifer chairs this new panel game about inventions. Celebrities include Leslie Crowther and Mollie Sueden. Sugden.
8.30 Public School: Documentary

Harvey.

10.40 Athol Fugard: A Lesson from Aloes. A film from the Arena stable, which shows the distinguished South African playwright series starring the real boys and real staff of one of Britain's lead-ing boarding schools, Radley College, near Oxford (see Personal

guished Sopin Airten playwright; rehearsing and directing his own play A Lesson from Aloes in his mative land (r). 11.40 News and weather: Close-down at 11.55.

3.00 Armchair Theatre: The Vic-tim. Part 4 of this serial about a kidnapped girl. Tonight: a myste-rious package arrives at her father's home. 8.30 TV Eye: How Northampton-phing in sections the neckless of shire is tackling the problem of battered children (see Persona)

dered.

10.00 News.

10.30 Inside Business: First in a new series. This feature looks at the closure of the Meccano/Dinky Toys factory in Liverpool and asks: was the shutdown inevitable?
11.00 Lon Grant: Stories about a
newspaper. Tonight: the uncovering of white-collar crime. With
Edward Asner in the title role of

the idea. 10.15 Richard Stilgoe: Wit and music from Mr Stilgoe and impressions of Henry Cooper and Muhammad Ali from Aiden J.

Choice).

9.00 Chief of Detectives: American crime series about the New York police. Tomight: a girl is murdered.

Granada Yorkshire the news editor.

12.00 What the Papers Say.

12.15 am Close: Rosalie Crutchley

RADIO

Language; Secondary Science; Look! 5.50 Regional news, weather. 11.00-11.30 Study on 4: The Bad

9.00 News.
9.05 Checkpoint.
9.30 The Living World.
10.00 News.
10.05 Fat Man on a Bicycle.;
10.30 Daily Service.
10.45 The Bridge of San Luis Rey Radio 3

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11.00 News.
11.05 Analysis.
11.50 Soan's Story (3).
12.00 News.
12.02 pm You and Yours.
12.27 Detective (3).
12.55 Weather.
1 00 The World at One.

6.00 am News Briefing. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.30 Today. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.30, 8.30 Headlines. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament.

1.00 The World at One. 1.40 The Archers. 2.02 Woman's Hour.

9.00 News: with Kenneth Kendall.
9.25 Play for Today: Dreams of Leaving. Romantic drama about a man (Bill Nighy) who comes to London to make his name as a journalist and the girl (the exquisite Kate Nelligan) as the promiscuous girl with whom he becomes involved. Written by David Hare who has at least two very good 2.02 Woman's 2001.
3.00 News.
3.02 Listen With Mother.
3.15 Play: A Home of Our Own, by
Martin Staniforth.
4.15 Any Answers?
4.45 Story: Time Out. who has at least two very good plays—Plenty and Licking Hitler— to his name. 4.45 Sthy: I fine Out. 5.00 PM. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 News. 6.30 Lord Peter Wimsey. 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.05 Time for Verse. 10.25 Platform One: Andrew Boyle, whose book Climate of Treason led

Radio 4

to the exposure of Anthony Blunt, the spy, talks to Donald MacCor-7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Time for Verse.
7.30 Chicago Symphony Orchestra:
Blacher, Tchaikovsky.†
8.15 A Double Life: Interview with
Wimfred Gérin.
8.35 Chicago SO: Beethoven.†
9.15 Pineapples, Martellos and
Temples: Buildings.
9.30 Kaleidoscope.
10.00 The World Tonight.
11.00 A Book at Bedtime.
11.15 Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 News.
12.15 am-12.23 Weather.
VHF 10.55 Most Wanted: American crime series starring Robert Stack. A city is threatened with destruc-tion by a hijacked plutonium con-

11.40 News and weather.

Regions

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VHF
6.50 am Regional news, weather.
7.50 Regional news, weather.
9.05-10.30 For Schools: A Service for Schools, Impace; Religion and Life; Sounds, Words and Movement; Notice Board I; Stories and Rhymes.

As Thames excess: 1.20 cm Limchtime, 4.13 News. 4.15 Linie House on the France. 5.15 Carnon, 5.20 Crossroes. 6.00 Good Evening Ulsier. 6.50 Police Six. 7.00 Emmertale Farm. 10.30 Counterpoint, 11.15 Family. 12.16 cm Scottish

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As Thumes except: 1.20 pm Granada Reports, 4.15 Salvage 1. 5.10 This is Your Right 5.15 Croiterads. 6.00 Granada Reports. 6.30 Emmardile Farm. 7.00 Incredible Hulk, 10.30 Cele-bration. 11.00 what the Papers Say. 11.20 Blooy.

As Thames expont: 1.20 pm Nove, 4.15 Fanglace, 4.45 Salvage, 6.00 Calendar, 7.00 Entwerdale Farm, 10.30 With a Little Help, 11.00 Luke's Kingdom, 12.00 Mary Tyter Moore Show.

10.45-12.00 For Schools: Salut les jeunes !; Time and Tune; Man; Our Changing World. 2.00 pm-3.00 For Schools: Living

6.55 am Weather.
7.00 News.
7.05 Records: Weber, Kozeluh,
Weill, Creston.†
8.00 News.
8.05 Records: Berlioz,
Bach, Dworak, Parry.†
9.00 News.

9.00 News. 9.05 Gluck + 10.05 Piano trio Moscow): Shostakovich (op 67).†
10.35 Chamber music: Geoffrey
Bush.† 11.20 Bournemouth SinTomerta/Hust: Boyce, Vaughan Williams, Elgar.† 12.00 Interval reading. 12.10 pm Bournemouth Sint: Mozart, Haydn

(Sym 86).† 1.00 News. 1.05 Soprano (Jennifer Smith) and piano (live from Royal Exchange, Manchester): Duparc, Fauré, Debussy.†
2.00 String quartets (Coull):
Haydn (op 74 no 1), Smetana (no 1).† 3.00 German NYO/Wangenheim Debussy, Haydn.† 3.50 Interval

55 GNYO: Tchaikovsky (Sym 4.55 News.
5.00 Music for early evening (mw and mono only from 6.30).
7.15 Talking about Music.†
7.45 Play: Hope, by David Cre-

gan.†
8.40 Smetana: talk with music.†
9.40 Talk: Politics in India.
19.00 Building a Library.†
10.30 NYPO/de Sabata: Sibelius
(Sym 1).
11.10 Music in Our Time: young German composers.† 11.55-12.00 News.

VHF 6.30-7.15 pm Open University; Con-sumer Decisions—consumers' advice; The Pre-School Child— naughty things; Music Interlude.

Radio 2

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5.00 am News, weather. 5.03
Steve Joues.† 7.32 Terry Wogan.†
10.03 Jimmy Yoong† 12.15 pm
Waggoners' Walk. 12.30 Pete Murray.† 2.15 Ray Moore.† 4.15 Much
More Music.† 5.00 News. 5.05 Waggoners' Walk. 5.20 John Dunn.†
6.45 Sports Desk. 7.02 Country
Club.† 9.02 Folkweave.† 9.55
Sports Desk. 10.02 Peter Goodwright. 10.30 Star Sound Extra.
11.02 Brian Matthew. 2.02-5.00 am
You and the Night and the Music.†

Radio 1 NACHO I
5.00 am As Radio 2. 6.00 Dave Lee
Travis. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.31
Poul Burnett. 2.00 pm Andy
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ROBERTS.—On 15th January to Ann (not Bowling) and Rob—a son (Benjanin Mark).

TROLLOPE.—On January 16th, to Annie (nee Forbes; and Andrew, in the Lindo wing, St. Mary's Paddington—a son (Hervey).

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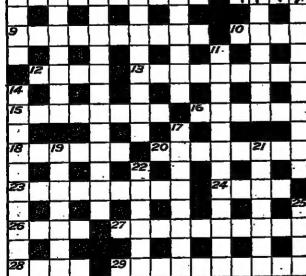
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